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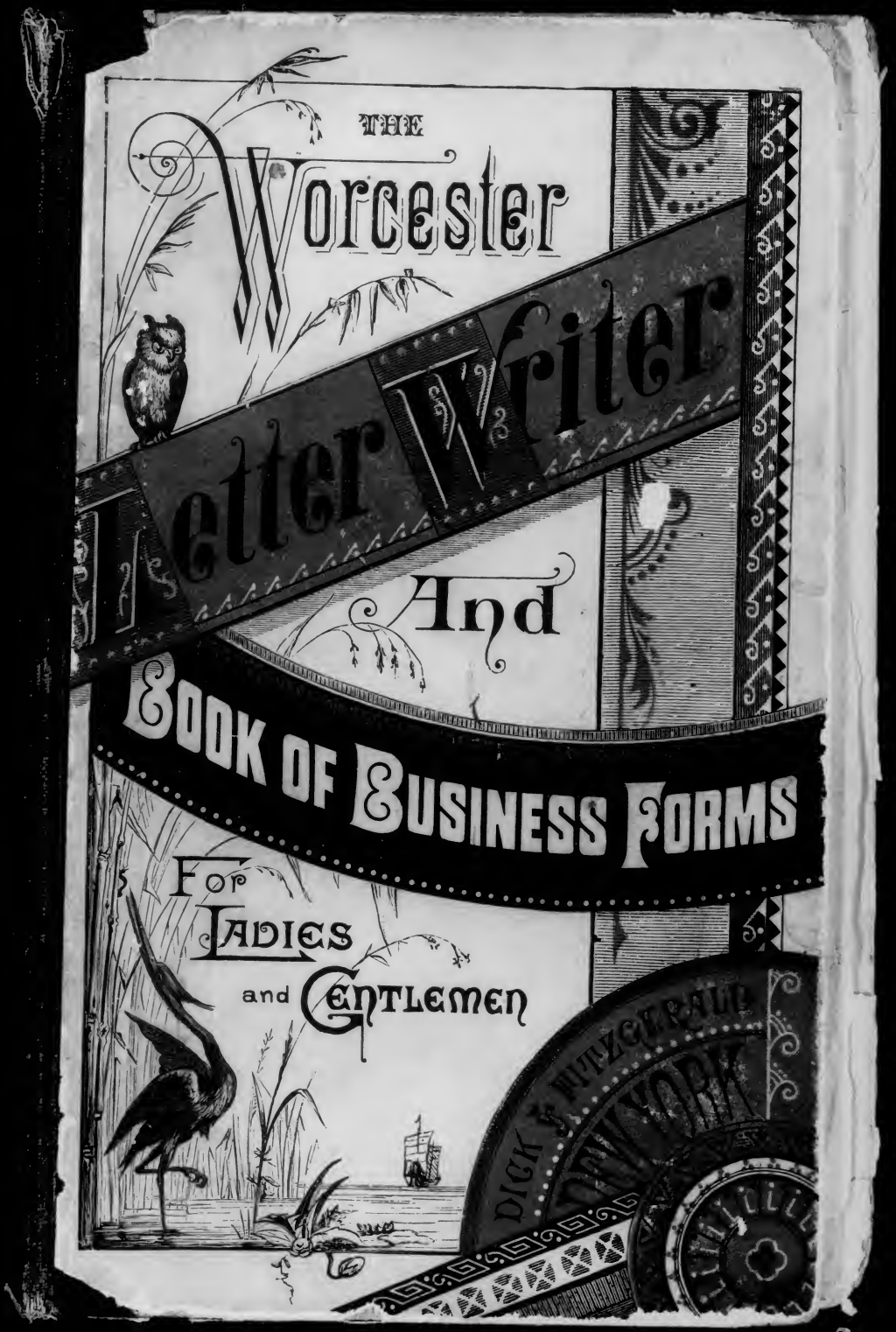
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In all cases, the Heading must not fail to indicate with precision the place from which the letter is written, and to which a reply may be addressed, unless otherwise specified by the writer. In this way alone can the writer be guarded against the possibility of disappointment or detention in obtaining a reply; it affords also the means for its return to the writer, if it contain articles of value or importance, by the Dead Letter Office, in case it should fail to reach the party addressed.

THE INTRODUCTION.—This consists of two parts: the Name, and sometimes also the address of the person to whom the letter is written; and the Salutation.

The name and address are frequently placed on the left-hand side, at the conclusion of the letter; but in many cases, especially in business letters (probably for convenient reference when the letter is copied in a book by a copying press), they are made to occupy one or two lines next below the date, and on the left-hand side of the page. The *name* of the party addressed is really all that is essential, as far as the *receiver* of the letter is concerned, as it is obvious that his post-office address *inside* the letter can serve no practical ends. It is one of those things which are often done as a matter of precision, tending rather to establish a habit of fulness of detail than to risk the omission of some essential point. The only remote contingency in which it might serve a useful purpose, would be the possible mutilation or loss of the envelope on its way through the mail, involving the return of the letter to the writer instead of being forwarded to its destination.

THE SALUTATION.—This consists of a word or words written on the line next below the address, and commencing a little to the right of the left-hand margin. The requisite words depend altogether on the mutual relations of the parties concerned. In a first letter to a business man or firm it would be simply *Sir* or *Gentlemen;* after a more extended business correspondence or connection, *Dear Sir,* or *Dear Sirs,* would be correct. If occasion

require a letter to a lady, married or single, to whom the writer has not had any formal introduction, it would be *Madam;* after previous introduction to a lady, the words used for salutation must depend on the degree of subsequent intimacy. A very good guide in the choice of an expression is to adopt the most friendly form that would be suitable for saluting the same lady in the street. If under those circumstances you could say, "*My Dear Madam,* or *My Dear Mrs. Smith,* or *My Dear Miss Jones,* I am delighted to meet you, etc.," that would be the right way to commence a letter to her. Addressing a lady by her Christian name in a letter is only admissible when the same could be properly done in her presence. A careful examination in this respect of the letters given in this book will assist in deciding on the choice of terms to be adopted in most cases.

THE BODY OF THE LETTER.—The first words of the letter should commence about the middle of the page, and on the line next below the Salutation.

In the letters throughout the book, the body of each letter is made to commence on the same line as the salutation. This is done only to save space, and not to guide the writer in regard to matters of detail. At the close of these remarks (on page 22) is a model letter to serve as a specimen in all the details of arrangement.

Each topic or subject should commence on a new line, the first word of each paragraph being written a short distance to the right of the left-hand margin. Unless this method is followed, the reader is apt to run one subject into another, to the possible confusion of both.

The paragraphs of a letter should all commence at a uniform distance from the left margin, excepting only the first paragraph, or beginning of the letter, for which instructions have already been given above.

THE CLOSING.—The terms used for closing a letter, immediately preceding the signature of the writer, admit of great variety, and depend entirely on the form of Saluta-

tion adopted at the commencement, the Salutation itself being, in some cases, repeated. A formal letter commencing *Sir*, or *Madam*, would be closed with the words:

I have the honor to be, Sir (or *Madam*),
Your obedient Servant,
James Leslie.

Where a tone of exceeding formality and respect is advisable, the closing words may be:

With the highest consideration,
I have the honor to be
Your obedient Servant,
James Leslie.

If the letter-paper is wide, the first line may be varied to:

With the assurances of the highest consideration,
I have the honor, etc., etc.

In letters commencing with *My dear Sir*, or *My dear Madam*, the closing may be less formal:

I am,
Yours very respectfully,
John Sterling.

After one or more letters have passed between correspondents, it is allowable to say, instead of *I am:*

I remain,
Yours very truly (or *respectfully*),
Henry Stoddart.

In letters of social and familiar intimacy there is less restriction as to terms to be used for closing. *Yours ever truly; Yours ever sincerely; Ever yours; Yours affectionately;* or any other forms of respect or endearment that may suggest themselves as suitable to the peculiar positions of the correspondents; provided, only that the words used should never be more familiar or endearing than the relation of the two parties concerned would warrant or allow. Undue familiarity is never pleasing, and amounts

almost to impertinence when written down enduringly in black and white.

THE SIGNATURE of the writer is a portion of the letter which is apt to command less attention than it merits. The official Signatures of some of the leading Mercantile Houses are utterly illegible to those unacquainted with them; and this is not less the case with many private individuals, who adopt a style of signature entirely different from the manner in which they would simply write their names. This may be very appropriate in signing a document or bank-check; but, as perspicuity is one of the first requisites in private correspondence, it is decidedly preferable that, as a rule, the name signed to a letter should be very plainly written. Its correct location is below the closing phrase, and so begun that it will end near the right margin of the page.

THE SUPERSCRIPTION.—The writing in a letter would be labor lost unless the proper means be taken to ensure its safe delivery at its destination.

Deficient addresses may arise from either carelessness or ignorance, but the result is the same. The address should contain all the information necessary, and properly arranged: First the name of the person to whom it is to go, very plainly written; then the name of the post-office; next the county; lastly, the State. If the party reside in a large city, the number and street follow the name; then the city, and lastly the State. Each line of the address should be commenced a little further to the right than the one above it, and the initials denoting the State are placed near the right-hand bottom corner, thus:

Stamp.	Stamp
Mr. James Wilson, *Woodbury,* *Gloucester Co.,* *N. J.*	*Mrs. J. H. Howe,* *187 Sherman Ave.,* *St. Louis,* *Mo.*

If each of these points of information occupy a single line, the distribution of letters is easy, and their chances of getting astray proportionately lessened.

One word as to the name of the party addressed. The title of *Mr.* is the one usually prefixed to the name; if the name belong to a prominent man, especially of large independent means, or of the Legal Profession, the prefix *Mr.* may be omitted, and the complimentary title of *Esq.* added. This latter, however, is a distinction more strictly European, and should rarely be used unless really appropriate. One or other title should always be used, but never both together.

Members of a profession should be addressed by their professional title, which supersedes all others; so that neither *Mr.* nor *Esq.* could be used for *Prof. Brown*, or *Dr. Thomas*. Those occupying prominent public positions acquire the right by custom, as well as by courtesy, to titles distinctive of, and applied only to men in their positions, as follows:

TITLES OF HONOR.

His Excellency, JAMES JOHNSON,	President of the United States; Governor of any State; or Minister to a Foreign Country.
Honorable JAMES JOHNSON,	Vice President, and Heads of the Executive Department of the U. S. Government; Senators and Representatives of the U. S.; Lieut. Governor of a State; State Senators and Representatives; Judges; Mayors.

Rev. JAMES JOHNSON, D.D.,	Doctor of Divinity.
Rev. JAMES JOHNSON, LL.D.,	Doctor of Laws.
Rev. JAMES JOHNSON,	Minister of the Gospel.
Dr. JAMES JOHNSON,	Doctor of Medicine.
Prof. JAMES JOHNSON,	Professor of Art or Science.
JAMES JOHNSON, Esq.,	Member of Legal Fraternity.
Mr. JAMES JOHNSON,	All unprofessional persons.

The proper title of a business firm is always *Messrs.*, a contracted form of *Messieurs*. In addressing two or more young ladies of the same name, the plural form must not be applied to the name but to the title. It should be:

The Misses Bennett; not *Miss Bennetts.* The same form also applies to two unmarried ladies of different names, whom it is necessary to address collectively, thus: *The Misses Jones and Daly.*

The proper title in addressing a boy or youth is *Master*, and individual judgment alone can decide when a young man may be said to have outgrown this form of address, and acquired the adult title of *Mr.*

When a letter is written to a mere acquaintance or to a stranger, which refers to matters entirely for the benefit or information of the writer, it is strictly necessary to enclose a postage stamp for the reply; this is not called for, however, between intimate friends.

In the interchange of correspondence, it is customary to quote at the commencement of the reply the date of the letter last received. In business and formal letters, the reply would be: *Your favor* (or *esteemed favor*) *of 10th inst. is duly received.* By adopting and adhering to this plan, it is easy to ascertain whether any letter has failed to reach its destination.

The various forms and informal methods of acknowledging the receipt of a letter will be found in the "Answers" that occur throughout this work.

It would be difficult to lay down any precise directions in regard to the size and form of paper and envelopes to be selected. Full-sized sheets of letter-paper are now rarely used, except for petitions and extra-official purposes, to which an official size of envelope would also be employed. Fashion is capricious and constantly changing, and the latest styles and devices, as well as their respective special application, can always be learned by consulting the stationer who provides writing materials.

[SPECIMEN LETTER.]

(The Heading.)

Hudson, Columbia Co., N. Y.

August 1st, 1879.

(Introduction.)

Messrs. Dick & Fitzgerald,

New York.

(The Salutation.)

Gentlemen,

(The Body of the Letter.)

I beg to acknowledge, with many thanks for your attention, the copy of Worcester's Letter Writer, which you did me the favor of sending me. It affords me unqualified pleasure to state that I find it, after a critical examination of its contents, in all that is practical and instructive, deserving the highest commendation.

I have seldom met with a book which fulfills its purpose so thoroughly and satisfactorily.

(Closing.)

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signature.)

James Monroe.

Supt. of Public Schools.

PART I.

THE LADIES' LETTER-WRITER

I. LETTERS FROM YOUNG LADIES TO PARENTS, AND FROM MOTHERS TO THEIR CHILDREN

A Young Lady at School to her Parents.

Hannah More Academy,
Reisterstown, Md., Nov. 15, 18—.

My Dear Parents.—As this is my first attempt at writing a letter, I hope you will kindly overlook any faults it may contain. Though I have anxiously looked forward to the time when I would be able to write both of you a long letter, yet now that I have undertaken the task, I scarcely know what to say, except to beg your acceptance of this, my first humble offering, as a token of my desire to please. My unceasing study shall ever be to convince you, my dearest parents how much I wish to be considered

Your affectionate and dutiful daughter,
Kate Barlow

To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Barlow,
Baltimore, Md.

A Young Lady at School to her Parents, on the Close of the Year.

VIRGINIA FEMALE INSTITUTE, STAUNTON, VA., January 1, 18—.

MY DEAR PARENTS. — Please to accept my congratulations on the close of the old, and the commencement of a new year; and, as it has pleased God to preserve you both in good health thus far, I earnestly trust that you may continue to enjoy life during this, and many succeeding years. Will you not write to me soon, and inform me of every interesting particular in relation to yourselves, as well as concerning my dear brother and sister? I long to know how little Jenny is, and whether she has commenced to talk. Pray do not forget, when you see my old playmates, to remember me to them, nor that I remain, as ever,

Your obedient and loving child,
CLARISSA MOORE.

To MR. and MRS. ALEXANDER MOORE, Wilmington, Del.

A Young Lady to her Mother, on entering a Boarding-School.

FEMALE SEMINARY, PENNINGTON, N. J., February 4, 18—.

MY DEAR MOTHER. — Feeling confident that you are anxious to learn, not only how I like my new location, but also the condition of my health, I avail myself of the first opportunity to inform you. With regard to the first, I am perfectly satisfied — the feelings of a novice having disappeared, I am now thoroughly at home; while, owing to the change of air and diet, my health has rather improved. At first I missed your society, as well as that of my father, sisters, and brothers, and, consequently, I was for a time somewhat low-spirited; but I have now overcome all unpleasant feelings, and can truly say, that I am almost as contented and happy here as I used to be at home. I have no cause to find fault with Mrs. ———, or with any of my schoolmates, and my comfort is as well cared for as I could expect it to be in any place other than my own home. This favorable

intelligence will, doubtless, be to you a source of joy but my pleasure will depend upon the receipt of tidings of the continued health and happiness of all those near and dear to me. Until then I must bid adieu to my dear mother, and solicit her prayers for her

Wayward, but affectionate child,
JULIA ADAMS

To MRS. MARY ADAMS, Princeton, N.J.

From a Young Lady some time at School to her Mother.

OAKLAND FEMALE SEMINARY, HILLSBOROUGH, OHIO, Feb. 23, 18—.

DEAREST MAMMA. — Experience has taught me that school is not the disagreeable place I once very foolishly imagined it to be. Our school is like a little world, in which there are, of course, many persons of very different dispositions; but, in the main, the girls are all very pleasant and obliging; while Mrs. ——— is kindness embodied, and furnishes to all an example of good-will.

Though a little backward with my French lessons, I think that, upon the whole, I am progressing satisfactorily with my studies. Our music-master takes great pains with us, and I feel confident that, when I return home, you will have but little cause to complain of my musical execution.

My dear mamma, I long to embrace you again, but, as that pleasure is denied me for the present, I must content myself with beseeching God to bless you, who, while you live, will never cease to love

Your affectionate daughter,
LAURA BRANDON.

To MRS. ELIZABETH BRANDON, Xenia, Ohio.

Answer of the Mother.

XENIA, OHIO, March 3, 18—.

MY DEAREST DAUGHTER. — I have been delighted by the perusal of your brief but expressive letter, which was

received on the 1st inst. I shall look forward with pleasure to the summer vacation, when I propose to make you my companion in a trip to the White Mountains. You will then not only see many of those wondrous works of Nature, of which you have as yet but little knowledge, and that gleaned from books, but you will also recruit your health for renewed application to useful studies.

Present my respects to Mrs. ———, and also my thanks for her motherly care of yourself. From time to time let me hear from your "little world," as every incident connected with the welfare and progress of my darling child is of consequence to her mother.

That the Almighty Father of all may bless you, and render you all I could wish, is the heartfelt supplication of

Your loving mother,

ELIZABETH BRANDON.

To MISS LAURA BRANDON, Oakland Female Seminary, Hillsborough, Ohio.

A Little Girl at School to her Mother, desiring to be brought Home.

EDEN HALL, PHILADA. CO., PA., Sept. 4, 18—.

DEAR MAMMA.—You can scarcely imagine how heartily tired I am of this place. I am forced to learn too many things at once; and it almost breaks my heart to go to bed without a kiss from you. You know, mamma, that I have never been away from home before, and if you do not allow me to return, I really think I shall die with grief. *Do send for me*, my own dear mamma, and I will never cease to love you; but if you do not, I shall continue to be, what I am now,

Your truly miserable child,

ELLINOR HALE

To MRS. MARGARET HALE, Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.

Answer of the Mother.

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 8, 18—

MY DEAR CHILD.—Your letter of the 4th inst. was duly received, and perused with regretful feelings; because the complaints you make have no reasonable foundation, and only tend to pain the hearts of those who love you, while, at the same time, adding to your own mental irritability. Your brothers and sisters never objected, when sent to distant academies; nor should you. To be sure, you are the youngest, and have been much petted by all the older members of the family; but, that is in itself a good reason why you should endeavor to please, by enacting the part of a dutiful child, and applying yourself with diligence to the improvement of your mind.

As you become better acquainted with your schoolmates and when, by improvement in learning, you secure the approval of your tutors, the school will, without doubt, become more pleasant. Youth is the proper season for exertion; for, if you now allow the precious hours to pass unimproved, regret will embitter every day of more advanced life. I have requested Mrs. ——— to reduce the number of your lessons for a while, which, I have no doubt, she will do with pleasure. Endeavor to be happy, and look forward to the Christmas holidays, with their accompanying festivities and presents, as the reward of any temporary self-privation.

Your father, brothers, and sisters unite with me in assurances of their unalterable affection, and I remain, as ever,

Your indulgent, but considerate mother,

MARGARET HALE

To MISS ELLINOR HALE, Eden Hall, Philada. Co., Pa.

A Young Lady at School to her Mother, soliciting information from Home.

VALLEY FEMALE INSTITUTE, WINCHESTER, VA., Sept. 5, 18—.

MY DEAR MAMMA.—So long a period has elapsed since I received a letter from you, that I am really at a loss to conjecture the cause of your silence. Have you forgotten your loving child? or can it be that sickness has prevented you from answering my frequent epistles? Morning and night do I pray for the preservation of your health, and you are continually the subject of my thoughts. I endeavor by my conduct to merit a continuance of that love, which has been so lavishly bestowed upon me, and which has now become so necessary to my happiness, that I know not how I should exist, were it by any accident withdrawn from me.

Write to me immediately, dear mamma, if you can, and dissipate the fears of Your affectionate child,

ROSINA GREY.

To MRS. EMILY GREY, Lexington, Va.

A Young Lady at School to her Mother, requesting to be taught Music.

LUTHERVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY, LUTHERVILLE, MD., Feb. 12, 18—.

DEAR MAMMA.—The pleasure that I observe other young ladies take in learning music, and the advantages which its knowledge gives them in company, render me desirous of being similarly accomplished. I am certain, my dear and ever-indulgent mamma, that you will not refuse my request, to be allowed to take lessons in both vocal and instrumental music; and I flatter myself that, if it is granted, my proficiency will not only evidence my application, but also elicit my dear mamma's unqualified approval, which is ever necessary to the happiness of her

Dutiful and affectionate daughter,

IDA MOWBRAY.

To MRS. ERNESTINE MOWBRAY, Wheeling, Va.

A Young Lady at School to her Mother requesting to be taught Dancing.

FEMALE SEMINARY, HAGERSTOWN, MD., Oct. 3, 18—

DEAREST MAMMA.—As, with but few exceptions, the young ladies in our school are taught to dance, I shall appear singular, unless I can obtain your permission to learn also; and, so far from withdrawing my attention from more solid branches of education, I assure you the indulgence of this desire will but spur me on to greater assiduity. I confidently rely upon your judgment in this matter, being convinced that it is my best guide; and, should you decide to refuse my application, no other sensation than a regretful one will be aroused in my mind—duty dictating implicit acquiescence in the expressed will of my dear mother.

Please give my love to papa, as also to my dear brother, and accept for yourself the tribute of affection from

Your dutiful child,

CATHERINE SPENCER.

To MRS. FRANCES SPENCER, Annapolis, Md.

A Young Lady to her Mother, on the approach of the Holidays.

ASBURY FEMALE INSTITUTE, GREENCASTLE, IND., Dec. 10, 18—.

DEAR MAMMA.—In your very kind letter of the 3d inst., you allude to the pleasure you anticipate from my company during the approaching Christmas holidays, and with such warmth of feeling, as to make me quite proud of the place I occupy in your regard. My constant endeavor always has been, and ever shall be, to retain the love of those near and dear to me, but, more especially, that of my kind and indulgent mamma, whose every wish may, I trust, be as fully gratified as will be, I hope, that so kindly expressed in relation to myself.

On the 21st inst., we depart for our several homes, and I shall count every milestone on the roadside, until I again be-

hold the dear old roof under which so many blissful days of my life have been spent. Kiss papa and Edward for me, and give them my loving regards; and remember me also to my numerous relatives and young friends. Until the happy day when I shall be again clasped in your tender embrace, nought but dreams of home will fill the mind of

Your sincerely affectionate daughter,

MATILDA ARDEN.

To MRS. CATHERINE ARDEN, Vincennes, Indiana.

A Young Lady to her Mother, announcing the Vacation.

CEDAR GROVE ACADEMY, PORTLAND, KY., June 4, 18—.

MY DEAR MAMMA.—With mingled feelings of pleasure and regret I have just learned that our half-year's studies will close on the 29th inst.—pleasure at the thought of so soon embracing my beloved mother, father, and brother, and regret at the prospect of parting for a time from some, and forever from others, of my dear schoolmates. I would be much pleased if yourself and papa could make it convenient to be present at our commencement, as I have been selected to deliver the opening address, and desire the benefit of your criticisms, which I deem invaluable. Of my improvement in studies, I shall say nothing—not being willing to arouse expectations which may not be realized; but I only ask you to come and see, as well as hear, what your beloved daughter has accomplished within the last few months.

Please present my compliments to all my friends, young and old, as also my love to my dear father and brother, whom I am all anxiety to see. Write immediately on receipt of this letter, and indicate your wishes to

Your loving daughter,

CORA GARESCHÉ.

To MRS PAULINE GARESCHÉ, Nashville, Tenn.

A Young Lady to her Father, acknowledging a Present.

ST. MARY'S HALL, GREEN BANK, BURLINGTON, N. J., Nov. 10, 18—.

MY DEAR PAPA.—I cannot sufficiently express my sense of your kindness in thinking of me so soon after your return from Savannah; but the substantial evidence of regard with which your letter was accompanied, would, perhaps, have excited the envy of my schoolmates (who, like most females, are partial to jewelry), had I not made a liberal distribution of the choice bon-bons which I found in the same package.

I enjoy excellent health and spirits, as well as the good opinions of my teachers; and the measure of my happiness would be filled, if you, my dear, widowed papa, would only gladden my heart by your presence. This I hope you will do, as soon as the time necessary for a visit can be spared from attention to business. With the hope that the looked-for happy occasion will soon arrive, and again thanking you for your inappreciable kindness, I remain, my dear papa,

Your truly affectionate and grateful daughter,

FREDERIKA MAYER.

To LOUIS B. MAYER, ESQ., Philada., Pa.

A Lady to her Daughter at School.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 10, 18—.

DEAREST LAURA.—I can still remember my own school days, and with what interest I looked for a letter from home; therefore, I can appreciate your feelings of anxiety to hear from those you love. I should have written some time since, but I waited until I could send the dresses you asked for, and which will be found in the accompanying parcel. Your father, myself, your sisters, and brothers are all well, and send you their love.

Attend carefully to your studies, and make all the progress possible, so that, when you next visit home, I may be able to trace a gratifying improvement. When your studies allow

sufficient leisure, I desire you to answer this letter, stating every particular concerning your health and happiness; and, should you require anything for the promotion of your comfort, do not fail to make it known to

Your ever-affectionate mother,
MARIA RAYMOND.

To MISS LAURA RAYMOND, St. Mary's Hall,
Burlington, N. J.

A Lady to her Daughter, on her Birthday.

BEDFORD, PA., Oct. 7, 18—.

MY DEAR CHILD.—The accompanying hamper contains some trifling tokens of affection, beside the materials for a little entertainment on the fifteenth anniversary of your birth, which, I have no doubt, Mrs. ——— will, in accordance with my written request, allow you to give your schoolmates.

Your father, brothers, and sisters all unite with me in good wishes on this occasion; and, though we regret that circumstances will not permit you to spend the day with us, we find consolation in the thought, that what is our loss is to your advantage, as the gratification of our selfish desires would materially interfere with your studies. May every succeeding year bring with it the same cheering prospect of further intellectual improvement, and may you long continue to be the pride and joy of your parents.

Present my compliments to Mrs. ——— and your teachers, and believe me to be, as ever,

Your fond mother,
LOUISA WARREN.

To MISS MARY WARREN, Female Seminary,
Hagerstown, Md.

A Lady to her Son, during his Apprenticeship.

GERMANTOWN, PHILADA. CO., PA., Feb. 8, 18—.

MY DEAR CHARLES.—I much regret the difficulties existing between yourself and your master; more especially

because I am afraid that the indulgence with which I have always treated you, has tended to make your present situation more disagreeable than otherwise it would have been. Do not, my dear boy, grieve my heart by ill-behavior, or unseemly conduct; for all that I have ever done for you has been intended for your good, and nothing could more deeply afflict me, than to know that my tenderness had resulted perniciously.

Mr. Johnson, your late fellow-apprentice, gives your master an excellent character, and speaks of his wife as a lady remarkable for her great prudence and amiable manners; but you cannot expect to find in any other woman than your mother, the fondness and partiality to which you have heretofore been accustomed, and many little faults which I have failed to see, will be readily perceptible to other persons. As you must certainly be a gainer from the situation you are now in, let a desire to promote your own, as well as my happiness, lighten every seeming difficulty, and remove every obstruction. At my request, your uncle will interpose in this matter, when, if your complaints are founded in reason, he will see that justice is done you.

Your ever-affectionate mother,
SALOME WILLIAMS.

To MASTER CHARLES WILLIAMS, Philadelphia, Pa.

II. LETTERS FROM YOUNG LADIES TO BROTHERS AND SISTERS, AND OTHERS ABOUT THEIR OWN AGE.

A Young Lady at School to her Brother.

Female Seminary,
Hagerstown, Md., Sep. 2, 18—

Dear George.—I regret to learn that I have incurred dear mamma's displeasure by my negligence, and I write this letter to beg pardon for not having written previously, as well as to promise strict attention to my home correspondence in future. I have not time to write to mamma by this post, but by the next she will receive a dutiful letter from me; and, meantime, I rely upon you to secure her forgiveness of my fault.

Give my love to papa and mamma, and accept for yourself the kind wishes of

Your tenderly affectionate sister,
Julia Felton.

To Master George Felton,
Frederick, Md.

A Young Lady at School to her Sister.

VALLEY FEMALE INSTITUTE, STAUNTON, VA., April 10, 18—.

MY DEAR CLARA.—Two months have elapsed since I received a letter from you, and I think your time is not so fully occupied but that you have leisure to write a few lines occasionally. "Out of sight, out of mind," is an old proverb, which you seem anxious to verify in my case; but I cannot forget, though I can forgive, and I now write to you with the hope of receiving an immediate answer, when all past neglect will be cheerfully overlooked.

Time with me moves along very pleasantly, and if you will but furnish me with news from home, I shall be perfectly contented. The young ladies are intelligent and agreeable, while the teachers are models of learning and prudence. When I return home, I expect to astonish you all by the extent of my acquirements—as no one looks for any good from your romping, fun-loving sister.

Give my love to papa and mamma, and my best respects to all my friends, young as well as old, and believe me to be, as ever

Your most affectionate sister,
MARY WILLIAMS.

To MISS CLARA WILLIAMS, Petersburg, Va.

A Young Lady at School to a Youthful Female Friend.

OAKLAND FEMALE SEMINARY, HILLSBOROUGH, OHIO, June 10, 18—.

DEAREST MARY.—Vacation is approaching, and I should much regret leaving this delightful spot, were it not for the prospect of soon beholding my dear mamma, my brothers, sisters, and cherished friends, among whom you fill the highest position in my regard. My health has been excellent; the air of this place being so salubrious as to preserve the most delicate in comparative comfort. Indeed, had I not a better home, I would desire to live here forever.

Now, let me talk about yourself. I am delighted to hear that you are engaged to be married; and when I come to

town you may expect to be teased unmercifully. I long to see the gentleman. Is he tall or short? has he auburn or raven-colored hair? and is his complexion fair or dark? But, joking aside, I sincerely hope that he is a good man, and in every respect worthy of the heart and hand of one I esteem so highly. Well knowing that you possess all the qualities of mind and person necessary to make up the measure of any man's happiness, I trust that you may not be deceived in your choice.

With many prayers for your future happiness, believe me to remain, my dear Mary,

Your affectionate and true friend,

ANNA SEWARD.

To MISS MARY LENNOX, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A Young Lady at Home to a former Schoolmate.

PITTSBURG, PA., Nov. 27, 18—

MY DEAR CORA. — I frequently remember with pleasure the happy days passed at Cedar Grove, in the company of yourself and my other schoolmates; but, rest assured, my dear friend, that no one of those associates occupies my thoughts to the same extent as yourself, who were ever my confidant. How many of my old friends are still at your academy? and what additions has your interesting company received during the past year? When you answer these queries, do not fail to inform me of the state of your health, how you progress in your studies, at what time you design leaving school, and in regard to any other matters which you may consider interesting.

As you are not acquainted in the circle in which I move at home, I am at a loss for topics, and can only say that I still continue to pursue my studies, to perfect myself in music and dancing, and to enjoy good health, as well as buoyant spirits.

Remember me respectfully to Mrs. ———, affectionately to all my former fellow-students, and consider me to be

Your affectionate and sincere friend,

MYRA SHELDON.

To MISS CORA GARESCHÉ, Cedar Grove Academy, Portland, Ky.

Accompanying a Present from one Young Lady to Another.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., June 3, 18—.

DEAREST CHARLOTTE. — I have long been desirous to present you with some token of my friendship, which might serve, now we are separated, to recall me to your remembrance; for, although I believe you do not as yet require the presence of such an object, I fear the time may come, when new ties, more binding than those of mere friendship, will cast a shadow over the memory of your once inseparable companion. Thinking that you would most prize an article combining utility with ornament, I have, after mature consideration, selected a neat gold watch and chain, with the appearance of which I was so much pleased, that I thought it could not fail to elicit from yourself equal approbation. My trifling gift accompanies this letter, and I beg that you will accept it, with my earnest wishes for your future happiness.

Your early and well-tried friend,

AUGUSTA JAMES.

To MISS CHARLOTTE FAIRMAN, Utica, N. Y.

Acknowledging the Receipt of the Present.

UTICA, N. Y., June 7, 18—

MY DEAR AUGUSTA. — Your delightful letter, and its accompanying present, have just been received. Although highly gratified at being the recipient of such a tasteful evidence of your unswerving friendship, yet, I must assure you, my dear friend, that I needed no token of a substantial nature, to convince me of the sincerity which dictated the ever

cordial expressions of your esteem. The gift, however, is not the less acceptable because it comes from one with whom I have been on such intimate terms, and it will serve to recall the memory of many pleasant hours which we have passed together. I receive it, my dear friend, with warm thanks; though all I can at present offer in return, is my fervent wish for your future welfare and happiness, which, dearest Augusta, I pray you to accept from

Your ever-affectionate friend,
CHARLOTTE FAIRMAN

To MISS AUGUSTA JAMES, Philadelphia, Pa.

A Young Lady inquiring the Cause of her Friend's Silence.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 8, 18—.

DEAR SARAH. — For some time I have been quite at a loss to conjecture the cause of your epistolary silence, as I cannot suppose you have quite forgotten me, or that there is any decline in your friendly feelings. I have thought that you may have been unwell; that you may have been absent from home; that your time may have been occupied by some new and important pursuit; and, in fact, I have formed many other suppositions of a like nature, in order to account for your long silence. Pray write to me at the earliest moment, even if only a few lines, informing me of your present condition and health, together with such other matters as you deem likely to prove interesting. By complying with this slight request, you will afford much gratification to

Your sincere friend,
EUGENIA THROCKMORTON.

To MISS SARAH GLOVER, Vicksburg, Miss.

The Young Lady Friend's Reply.

VICKSBURG, MISS., March 13, 18—.

MY DEAR EUGENIA.—I am sorry for having given you pain by my carelessness in not answering your numerous

affectionate letters, and I crave your pardon therefor. I have neither been sick, nor absent; but I have been occupied with a "new and important pursuit," which is neither more nor less than making myself as agreeable as possible to a specimen of the genus *homo*, who protests that he cannot live unless I am ever by his side. If this is not a valid excuse, I have none other to offer, and must needs humbly bow my head, and cry *peccavi*.

Mr. ———, my affianced husband, is a noble specimen of manhood, gifted with every grace of person and intellectual adornment; and I feel certain that, when you see him, you will admire him for his manly qualities. Thursday, the 15th of April, has been fixed for the solemnization of our nuptials, at which I desire you to be present, and act as one of my attendant ladies. This service I claim from you in fulfilment of our mutual engagement, entered into at school, and with which, I doubt not, you will cheerfully comply.

With sentiments of the highest regard, and assurances of my unalterable affection, I pray you to consider me, as ever,

Your true friend,
SARAH GLOVER.

To MISS EUGENIA THROCKMORTON,
New Orleans, La.

The Loan of Books requested by a Young Lady.

MT. VERNON STREET, PHILA., July 15, 18—.

DEAREST EMILIA. — Having been ill for some days, and confined to my sofa, I have exhausted my small stock of books in the endeavor to procure amusement. I write to beg the loan of a few of "Cooper's novels," of which I know you possess a complete set. I will take good care of them, and return them promptly. Do me the favor also to look in occasionally for an hour or two, and speak a few comforting words to

Your afflicted friend,
CATHERINE HORTON.

To MISS EMILIA HUNTLEY, No. — Wallace St., Phila.

The Answer.

WALLACE STREET, PHILA., July 15, 18—.

MY DEAR KATE.—I am truly grieved to hear of your illness. The bearer will hand you half-a-dozen volumes, which I hope will lighten the tediousness of your sick-room; and early to-morrow I will come and see you. I would visit you to-day, but I cannot, without appearing rude, leave a few friends who are spending the day at our house.

Hoping to find you better to-morrow, when I call, I remain

Your affectionate and sympathizing friend,

EMILIA HUNTLEY

To MISS CATHERINE HORTON, No. — Mt. Vernon St., Phila.

Excusing Absence from a Young Lady Friend's Party.

FRANKFORD, PHILADA. Co., March 10, 18—.

DEAR EMMA.—I am truly sorry that I was not one of your delighted guests last evening, but the arrival of an old and dear friend of my father, one whom he is proud to honor on all occasions, left me no alternative but to remain at home, and aid in entertaining him. Now that you have learned the cause, I trust you will excuse my absence.

If my recollection serves me right, you are also acquainted with Colonel Say, the gentleman to whom I allude. He has but recently returned from a tour through the continent of Europe, and, though he is yet hale and vigorous, age is apparent in his grizzled hair and beard, as well as in his unsteady gait. Pray call upon us while the Colonel is our guest: he is most excellent company, and will doubtless be happy to see you.

In the full assurance, my dear Emma, that your kindness of heart will readily admit the validity of my excuse, I subscribe myself Your sincere friend,

MABEL DUNBAR

To MISS EMMA STOCKTON, Germantown, Philada. Co., Pa.

III. LETTERS FROM YOUNG LADIES TO PERSONS OF MATURE AGE, AND FROM SUCH PERSONS TO YOUNG LADIES, ON GENERAL SUBJECTS.

A Young Lady to her Guardian, on hearing of his Illness.

Walnut St. Phila., May 2, 18—

Respected Sir. — *The care with which you have guarded my interests, and the indulgent kindness displayed by you in ministering to my comfort, lead me to regard you with the affection of a daughter, and to feel a deep concern in your welfare. It will not, therefore, surprise you to learn that your unfavorable physical condition has occasioned me no little anxiety. I trust, however, that your illness will be only temporary, and that you will soon be restored to your former good health. With every feeling of respect and regard, I remain, my dear sir*

Your dutiful ward,

Frances Carew,

To Mr. Joseph Bolland,
Girard St., Phila.

A Young Lady congratulating an Aunt on her Birthday.

LOGAN SQUARE, PHILA., Dec. 12, 18—.

MY DEAR AUNT.—To-morrow, the 13th day of December, will be the forty-third anniversary of your birth; and I cannot allow the occasion to pass without tendering my congratulations, and wishing you many happy returns of the festive day. The near relationship which exists between us, and the many favors which I have received at your hands, will always cause me to cherish for you the most lively feelings of affection and gratitude. It is, therefore, but natural that I should feel an interest in every return of your natal anniversary; and I shall esteem myself fortunate, if, at your age, I can review my past life with equal satisfaction. Birthdays are the milestones which mark the progress of the traveller along the difficult high-road of life, and happy is the individual who can pass each one without a sigh of regret, or a feeling of mistrust in the future.

Having acquitted myself of an agreeable duty, I will now bid you adieu, and with earnest wishes for your continued health and happiness, I pray you, my dear aunt, to consider me Your ever-affectionate niece,

ESTELLE SEARS.

To MRS. ELIZABETH MACKEY, Germantown,
Philada. Co., Pa.

Reply to the Birthday Congratulatory Letter.

GERMANTOWN, PHILADA. CO., PA., Dec. 14, 18—.

MY DEAR NIECE.—Your kind letter of congratulation on the return of my birthday, was received in due season, and proved truly gratifying to my feelings. I fully reciprocate the sentiments of affection and esteem therein so cordially expressed, and I join in the wish that advanced years may bring with them feelings of satisfaction, but none of regret, to one in whose happiness I feel so deep an interest. I sincerely thank you, my dear niece, for your kind attention, and,

being confident that your affection is not of a nature likely to change, I can assure you that your memory will ever be tenderly cherished by Your affectionate aunt,

ELIZABETH MACKEY.

To MISS ESTELLE SEARS, No. — Logan Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.

To a Young Lady desirous of Improvement.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 20, 18—.

MY DEAR MATILDA. — In your letter of the 2d inst., received a few days since, you were kind enough to express a belief that I could, by my advice, render you efficient assistance toward perfecting your education; and, in compliance with your desire, I here give you the benefit of a few remarks, adapted to the extended scale on which you propose to pursue your studies.

Reading must be made the basis of your whole course of study; but you must seek for works which will expand and elevate the thoughts, instead of depressing the intellectual faculties, and causing you to degenerate into a mere reader of fiction. I do not desire to discourage novel-reading, but only to set bounds to its influence; and, therefore, I would advise you not to read any work of fiction, unless its literary and moral excellences are guaranteed by some such name as Washington Irving, Fenimore Cooper, or Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz, who never lead us to refine upon human defects, or to mistake sentimentalism for genuine feeling.

Your proposed visit to Europe will be of material benefit in the study of foreign languages; for, although a sound grammatical knowledge may be obtained at home, yet an easy colloquial style can only be acquired by mixing in the society of those who speak the language you are desirous of learning. The different dialects of the German language are very perplexing to the student, and serious mistakes can be avoided only by constant intermingling with good society. I would advise you to defer attempting to speak French until you

reach Paris, where you may acquire a good accent, which will never desert you; but if you contract a bad pronunciation at home, the most assiduous future care will fail to remedy the evil.

Music is the next branch of education worthy of your attention; and it is the most charming gift that a young woman can possess. Contributing, as it does, largely toward the entertainment of others, it forms a social tie in every family, and few studies tend more to promote a happy and united feeling between brothers and sisters, or husband and wife. But, in this most delightful pursuit, as much caution is required as in the selection of a proper course of reading. Though I do not consider the ability to play waltzes or quadrilles as the end of a musical education, yet I think that, in a social point of view, it is better to be able to do either, or even to give a tasteful accompaniment of a simple ballad, than to play the most elaborate sonata of any of the great masters.

Above all, my dear Matilda, never allow the accomplishments or the society of the world to make you vain; but be careful to preserve an easy simplicity of manner, which is the greatest beauty of female character.

Earnestly desiring that you may succeed even beyond your most sanguine expectations, I remain

Your affectionate friend,
ROSALIE DU BARRY.

To MISS MATILDA DESCHAMPS, Nashville, Tenn.

The Young Lady's Answer

BERLIN, PRUSSIA, June 11, 18—

MY DEAR MADAM. — I have delayed replying to your kind letter of instructions, received a few days before my departure from home, because I was desirous of relating to you my practical experience of the value of the advice therein contained. Before doing so, however, I beg leave to tender you my sincere acknowledgments for the valuable

counsel so liberally bestowed upon me, and to assure you that I have followed it implicitly.

All my leisure hours are devoted to reading useful works, of which my trunks contain a select assortment. Since I have been here, I have perused, with much satisfaction, "William Wirt's Letters" and "Marshall's Life of Washington," and at present I am deeply interested in "Drake's History of the Aboriginal Races of North America." I derive great pleasure from the perusal of such works; for, apart from the amusement of idle hours, they store my memory with a knowledge of events in the history of my country, which will be invaluable to me in after-life.

I have made considerable improvement in my knowledge of the German language. Hearing it constantly spoken by those around me, has so familiarized me with its various idioms and peculiarities, that I can now join in conversations which, but two months since, would have been totally unintelligible to me. Your advice in regard to French I shall take care to follow; for even my uninitiated ear is offended by the harsh pronunciation of that language by every one here. In music I find I have still much to learn: all my companions sing and play better than I, and, moreover, seem to have a true appreciation of the great masters. Patience and perseverance will, I doubt not, do much toward rendering my execution more perfect, in vocal as well as instrumental music.

I must beseech you, my dear Mrs. Du Barry, not to forget me while absent from home. I hope that, at the earliest opportunity, you will resume your correspondence with me, and thus contribute to the pleasure of one who finds but few kindred spirits in the land of the stranger, and who frequently wanders back in memory to the noble old woods and sunny vales of her native land.

Please give my kind regards to all my friends, and believe me to be, as ever, Your grateful friend,
MATILDA DESCHAMPS.

To MRS. ROSALIE DU BARRY, Philada., Pa.

A Preceptress to her Pupil, on Letter-Writing.

BETHLEHEM, LEHIGH CO., PA., July 13, 18—.

DEAR AMANDA. — I embrace the first opportunity of opening a correspondence with my young friend, fearing that, during her leisure time, the rules I have laid down, in respect to writing letters, may be either forgotten or neglected My first advice, you may remember, was, to be careful of your spelling, and not to use pompous language in addressing your friends — a simple style being always preferable, and evidencing far more learning than does rhapsodical bombast. Brevity is a virtue; a prolix writer only exhausts the patience of the reader. Avoid repetitions, for they offend the ear; except when skilfully introduced, with the view of marking some useful point. Eschew parentheses, except when absolutely necessary, as they only create confusion; and never send to any one an interlined letter, unless you desire the reputation of being both lazy and careless. Use capital letters sparingly, assigning them only to proper names, or to particular nouns. Words which require more than ordinary notice should be underlined; but a too frequent use of this mode of emphasizing words or sentences is objectionable, and sometimes puzzling to the reader, as intimating wit where none exists. Never write *you was*, or I shall deny that *you were* ever a pupil of mine; and be careful not to mingle the present, past, and future tenses of verbs, as do many writers whose education should have guarded them against the commission of such blunders. If the sentence take a conditional form, use the subjunctive mood; for, if a lady *pretend* to write, she should be correct. Avoid the too frequent use of monosyllables, which give to composition an insignificant character; but, on the other hand, exercise judgment in the use of larger words, else you may exceed the comprehension of your correspondent. I dislike the use of particles where they can be avoided — *for, but, and, yet* etc., should be sparingly employed. When not too common, quotations from the writings of talented authors are evidences

of thorough reading; but take care not to misapply them, as by so doing you expose yourself to the danger of being ridiculed Cant and obsolete phrases should be avoided, and no word used, the meaning of which you do not perfectly comprehend.

The foregoing are all the hints on letter-writing I deem necessary to give you at present, and I shall be pleased to see that they are properly observed. Have the kindness to present my respectful regards to your mamma, and consider yourself at all times entitled to the advice of

Your preceptress,

RACHEL BELLINGHAM.

To MISS AMANDA STORY, Philadelphia, Pa.

Advice of an Aunt to her Niece.

BURLINGTON, N. J., April 4, 18—.

MY DEAR JOSEPHINE. — The duty of an affectionate aunt requires me to direct your attention to the fact, that your behavior of late, in public, has partaken somewhat too much of a masculine character. Boldness and intrepidity are admirable in a man, but a woman's conduct, more especially that of a young lady, should be marked by modesty, amiability, and easy manners. I think a proper presence of mind in society very becoming, provided it be not accompanied by garrulity, or a bold and assuming manner. Modesty in outward behavior strongly prepossesses the other sex in our favor; but without it all our other perfections are of little service, either as to reputation or preferment.

As you are not wanting in good sense, I hope you will, in a kindly spirit, receive these well-intended hints from

Your affectionate aunt,

LYDIA SMITH.

To MISS JOSEPHINE SMITH, Mount Holly, Burlington Co., N. J.

IV. FROM FEMALES TO OTHERS ON GENERAL SUBJECTS

A Married Lady sending an Invitation to a Dinner-Party.

Arch St. Phila., Jan. 20, 18—

My dear Miss Norton.—A few friends will dine with us on Thursday next, and you will do us a favor by forming one of the party. You will meet Mr. and Mrs. Torrey, Mr. Bolling, and Miss Lindley, with whom I believe you are already on terms of intimacy, and some others, whom I shall feel much pleasure in introducing to you. Five o'clock is the hour appointed for meeting, and I flatter myself that, if you have no previous engagement, you will not disappoint me in the pleasure of your company.

Believe me to remain, dear Miss Norton,

Yours, sincerely,

Adele Staunton

To Miss Serena Norton,

No. — Eighteenth St., Phila.

Acceptance of the Invitation.

N. Eighteenth St., Phila., Jan 21, 18—.

Dear Mrs. Staunton.—Your kind invitation to dinner on Thursday next was duly received, and I desire to assure you that I shall feel great pleasure in forming one of your party Please present my compliments to Mr. Staunton and to your family, and believe me, my dear Mrs. Staunton, to be, as ever,

Yours, most sincerely,

Serena Norton

To Mrs. Adele Staunton, No. — Arch St., Phila.

The Invitation Declined.

Chestnut St., Phila., Jan. 21, 18 —.

My Dear Mrs. Staunton.—I have only this moment received your flattering invitation to dinner on next Thursday; but I regret to say, that a previous engagement will debar me from forming one of your pleasant party. Do me the favor to present my compliments to Mr. Staunton, and to consider me

Your sincere friend,

Rosina Black.

To Mrs. Adele Staunton, No. — Arch St., Phila.

Invitation to a Picnic Party.

Green St., Phila., June 3, 18—.

My Dear Miss Arnold.—I am endeavoring to form a small party to visit the banks of the Wissahickon on Wednesday next. We purpose starting from my house, at six o'clock A. M., at which time good coaches will be in waiting to convey us to the place selected. An excellent string-band has been engaged for the day, and some of the gentlemen have supplied choice samples of Mr. ———'s wines; but the task of providing the edibles will devolve upon the ladies of the party. Under the shelter of a leafy canopy, we will spread our dinner upon Nature's verdant carpet, and fancy we are leading a sylvan life. Should you have no prior en

gagement, will you do us the favor to form one of the party? Your company will be most welcome. An early answer will oblige

Your affectionate friend,

MARGARET PRIOR.

To MISS CECILIA ARNOLD, No. — Spruce St., Phila.

Declination on Account of a Recent Bereavement.

CHESTNUT ST., PHILA., June 4, 18—.

MY DEAR MRS. PRIOR. — I am truly sorry to inform you that a most serious and painful domestic calamity precludes the possibility of my availing myself of your kind invitation, as I had intended. You will, I feel certain, sympathize with me in the loss of my dear brother; and, acknowledging the impossibility of my taking part in any social entertainment, you will have the kindness to mention to other friends the cause of my absence.

Believe me to be, as heretofore, though weighed down with grief,

Your sincere friend,

JANET LOYD.

To MRS. MARGARET PRIOR, No. — Green St., Phila.

Excusing Absence from a Party, on Account of Indisposition.

CHESTNUT HILL, PHILADA. Co., Feb. 8, 18—.

MY DEAR MRS. ROCKAFELLOW. — I must beg you to accept an apology for my absence from your party last evening. Notwithstanding I had felt very unwell all day, I was still resolved to join you; but, as evening approached, I became so much worse, that prudence required me to remain in quiet at home, and to avoid the excitement and late hours of a party, which could only aggravate my malady. I hope, therefore, that you will excuse me, and that, if you should have a leisure hour, you will come and chat quietly with me, which will be a cheering relief to

Your afflicted friend,

DORA WILLETTS.

To MRS. CELESTINE ROCKAFELLOW, No. — Main St., Germantown.

Answer to Inquiries relative to a Lady's Health.

MADISON ST., PHILA., Dec. 10, 18—.

DEAR LAURA. — I feel truly grateful for your kind inquiries relative to my health; and it affords me much pleasure to be able to announce to you that I am now convalescent, and hope, very soon, to have the pleasure of seeing yourself and my other friends.

Your affectionate friend,

EMMA RIDGELEY.

To MRS. LAURA KENDRY, No. — N. Tenth St., Philadelphia.

A Lady absent on a Visit, to her Husband.

AUGUSTA, GA., Feb. 8, 18—.

DEAREST CHARLES. — Absence is said to beget oblivious-ness; but such is not my experience. My remembrance of you is interwoven with each moment of my existence, and I count the hours until that one arrives which brings me intelligence of your continued health and happiness. This feeling, I am convinced, must be mutual; and I picture to myself the smile of delight with which you will receive the letter I am now writing, as well as the satisfaction you will experience in learning that your little wife is in the full enjoyment of health and spirits.

So far from diminishing, the kindly attentions and genuine hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Frost seem to have no limit assigned them: they make it their study to surround me with comforts, and are constantly devising new modes of contributing to my amusement. Be assured, therefore, my dear Charles, that, with the exception of missing your cheering company, and that of our darling children, I am as contented and happy as you, the fondest of all my well-wishers, could desire me to be.

Thus much about myself; now let me speak about other matters. I am very anxious to receive a letter from you,

giving me intelligence of the condition of your own health, and that of our dear children, and also furnishing me with the details of any important events in domestic life which may have occurred since your last writing. I do not think that my absence from home will be prolonged beyond the 5th of March, on which day, should no unexpected obstacle interpose, I hope again to receive your loving embrace. Give my love to the children, and believe me to be, my dear Charles, Your truly affectionate wife,

MARY SNOWDON.

To MR. CHARLES SNOWDON, No. — Pine St., Phila.

A Lady inviting her City Friend to sojourn with her in the Country.

BEECH PARK, MONTGOMERY CO., PA., June 5, 18—.

DEAR SARAH. — Although surrounded with every necessary to my comfort, and with many of the luxuries of life; located in a region adorned by Nature with a lavish hand, and noted for its healthfulness; there is yet one want unsupplied, the gratification of which is within the scope of your ability. I am selfish enough to covet your agreeable society for a month, or as much longer as may suit your convenience; and I flatter myself that you would not only derive amusement from, but likewise improve your health by, a sojourn in the country. If, therefore, you will do us the favor to make our pretty rural retreat your temporary abode, your presence will add a new charm to our family circle, and be a source of real pleasure to Your sincere friend,

GRACE DARLING.

To MRS. SARAH CAMPBELL, Philadelphia, Pa.

Favorable Reply of the City Lady.

SPRUCE ST., PHILA., PA., June 7, 18—.

MY DEAR GRACE. — Your kind letter, inviting me to spend a short time with you at your pleasant country resi-

dence, has just been received. I am very partial to rural life, and would gladly make a permanent exchange of my city residence for one in the country, if the pursuits of Mr. C. did not present an insurmountable obstacle. My domestic duties are not at present, however, of such a pressing character as to warrant my declining your friendly invitation, and Mr. C. urges me to send you an affirmative reply, as he thinks I will not only enjoy myself in the society of yourself and family, but likewise benefit my health by a change of air and scene. Cheerfully, and with grateful feelings therefor, do I accept your kind invitation, and in a few days, my dear Grace, your hospitable roof will shelter

Your truly affectionate friend,

SARAH CAMPBELL.

To MRS. GRACE DARLING, Beech Park, Montgomery Co., Pa.

From a Married Lady in Chili to her Friend in Philadelphia.

VALPARAISO, CHILI, S. AMERICA, Sept. 5, 18—.

DEAR EMMA. — The "Flying Cloud," which arrived yesterday, brought me your letter of May 10, the first I have received from you during many years' absence. I am delighted to learn that yourself and your dear children are enjoying good health, and that your married life has been one of unalloyed felicity. My career has also been happy and prosperous, and my children are all that I could desire. George, the eldest, already fills a situation which promises well for the future, while his conduct is such as to make him universally beloved. Lilian, whom you may recollect as a little curly-headed prattler, is now a young lady, with some pretension to beauty, and (pardon a mother's partiality) would make a desirable partner for any gentleman who could appreciate her rare mental adornments. The younger children are as amiable as I could wish, and the baby, which is just sixteen months old, is petted and nursed by everybody

My dear husband, whose health is by no means good, finds

all his enjoyment in the home circle; and he exercises such a firm, yet kindly influence over our children, that we are enabled to treat them as friends, while, at the same time, exacting from them the tribute of deference and respect due to parents. Surrounded, as we are here, by a people whose customs and manners differ so much from those of the citizens of the Union, as almost to preclude the possibility of association, we should have found our residence far from agreeable, had not our family circle supplied to all its members those pleasures derived from friendly intercourse, which are too frequently sought for among strangers.

The correspondence thus happily resumed, will, I venture to hope, be continued; and, when we return to Philadelphia, as we expect to do in two or three years from this date, what an enjoyment it will be to converse about the events of moment which have occurred to each of us during the long period of our separation!

That health, happiness, and prosperity may be the portion of yourself, your husband, and your lovely children, is the heartfelt prayer of

Your ever-affectionate friend,
GEORGIANA NIXON.

To MRS. EMMA BLONDIN, Philada., Pa.

Announcing to a Lady the Death of her Sister.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., August 15, 18—.

DEAR MADAM. — It becomes my painful duty to announce to you the sad tidings of the sudden demise of your sister, who died yesterday of yellow fever, after an illness of but four days' continuance. She bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude, and, during her intervals of consciousness, expressed the conviction that the period of her dissolution was fast approaching, and that she was about to leave this world of trouble for a home in that celestial mansion where sorrow has no abiding-place.

Your mother, being weighed down by affliction, cannot bear the thought of writing to you; but she desires that I, as the friend of your late sister, should communicate the sad intelligence, and also intimate that your presence would help to console, not only herself, but also your father, and the entire family. Hoping, therefore, to see you at the earliest possible moment, they request me to send you their love.

I beseech you, dear madam, to accept my condolence for this sad bereavement, and believe me to be

Ever yours, sincerely,
VIRGINIA GROVES

To MRS. HELEN DUPONT, Baton Rouge, La.

Letter of Condolence on the Death of a Husband.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, Nov. 9, 18—.

MY DEAR LYDIA. — Consolation under so heavy an affliction as you have just experienced, cannot be derived from human sources — a higher power can alone pour the healing balsam into your wounded heart. I would have hastened to your side, and sought to assuage the pangs of your tortured spirit; but I felt that the well-meant but mistaken officiousness of friends, on such occasions, is more frequently an intrusion than a kindness.

To dwell upon the virtues and talents of your late husband, is too painful for me, and, therefore, I must forego speaking upon such a melancholy subject. But, my dear Lydia, I trust that you will sustain your spirits, both for your own and your children's sake; and, in the confidence that your late beloved partner is in the enjoyment of happiness such as you could not have conferred upon him, look forward to a reunion with him in that better world, where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest. Put your trust in the Almighty Father of all, and He will comfort your sorrowing soul.

I remain, dear Lydia,

Your affectionate and sympathizing friend,
THERESA ROBINSON

To MRS. LYDIA BROWN, Vincennes, Ind.

Letter of Condolence on a Child's Death.

RICHMOND, VA., May 20, 18—.

DEAREST ANNA.—The news of your sad bereavement has caused me to weep, as if for my own loss. How hard it is to realize that the affectionate, intelligent, lively little boy, who so dearly loved me, and whose especial delight it was to accompany me in my walks, during my stay under your roof last winter, is now lying in the cold and silent tomb!

The blow has indeed been heavy, and I scarce know how to afford consolation under so bitter an affliction. Think, however, of the eternity of bliss into which that dear child has entered, and then ask your heart whether it would not be selfish to wish him back again in this world of probation and trouble. Think of him, as only waiting in heaven to hail the mother from whom he has been parted, and whose loss is his gain for all eternity.

Pray to God for the strength to sustain you in your trouble, and He, who is ever merciful to the humble of heart, will raise your spirit from its despondent state.

Your sincere friend,
MARGARET BURNS.

To MRS. ANNA WURTS, Petersburg, Va.

Letter of Condolence on a Reverse of Fortune.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Jan. 16, 18—.

DEAR MARIA.—The unfortunate change in your circumstances is, to me, a source of deep grief. I had indulged the hope that your husband's position and connections would have guarded him against being seduced, by the speculative spirit of the age, into embarking his means in projects of an uncertain character, by which so many families are daily reduced to absolute poverty. But it has happened otherwise, and he has fallen, more from mischance than wilful error.

You must not, however, look only on the dark side of the picture, and see nothing in the future but misery and poverty

Although your means have been lost, your character is yet untarnished; and while your true friends regard you with the same favor as formerly, you need not care for the shallow and insincere. A favorable change must result from your husband's persevering and consistent efforts; and, by the exercise of economy, together with patient submission to a few privations, you may, ere long, fully retrieve your former high position.

That your present unfavorable condition may be speedily exchanged for one more agreeable to your feelings, and more conducive to your happiness, is the earnest desire of

Your affectionate and sincere friend,
CONSTANCE PAGET.

To MRS. MARIA DUNTON, Baltimore, Md.

Consoling a Lady in her Illness.

GERMANTOWN, PHILADA. CO., PA., May 3, 18—.

DEAREST MARGUERITE.—I cannot tell you how sad I felt when I was informed of your illness; but it afforded me much gratification to learn that your mind was at perfect rest, and that you were not alarmed by the symptoms with which you were so suddenly attacked. My dearest Marguerite, how much I should love to help nurse you! but I hope, if it be our Father's will, that you will not long require the aid of those who esteem you. Although your situation be critical, never despond; for many persons have enjoyed a tolerable degree of health, after attacks even more severe than that under which you are now laboring. Implicitly obey your physician's directions, for this is a Christian duty, which you owe, not only to yourself, but also to those around you. Endeavor to preserve a cheerful mind, and a patient spirit, is the advice of

Your loving and affectionate friend,
ROSALIE BAYARD.

To MISS MARGUERITE JOURDAIN, Wilmington, Del.

V. FROM FEMALES TO OTHER PERSONS ON COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE.

Answer to a Gentleman's Written Proposal for a Private Meeting

Queen St. Phila., Jan. 17, 18—

Sir.—I cannot consent to injure my character by any proceedings of a clandestine nature. If your intentions are really honorable, of which I do not entertain a doubt, why not call on me at home, or write to my parents? Your attentions in company have been agreeable to me, and, therefore, I placed your letter in the hands of my parents, who do not seem disposed to offer any obstacle to our more intimate acquaintance. Your proper course will be to write to or wait on my father, until when, I must regard you merely as a friend.

Yours, very sincerely,
Alice Hawthorne.

To Mr. Francis Godwin,
No. — S. Twelfth St., Phila.

Favorable Answer to a Proposal for a Private Meeting.

SANSOM ST., PHILA., July 20, 18—.

DEAR LUTHER.—I dislike to do anything which has even the appearance of deception, yet, considering the unfortunate position in which we are placed, by the attempt of my mother to force me into a union with a man I do not love, the error of a clandestine meeting in our case admits of palliation. I shall be promenading on Walnut St. about 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, when we may, perhaps, be able to converse for a few minutes. Patience, for a few weeks, my dear Luther, will relieve us from all necessity for concealment, as then I will be of age, and mistress of my little fortune, as well as of my liberty.

Earnestly hoping that nothing may occur to mar our hopes of future happiness, I remain, dear Luther,

Ever affectionately yours,
AURELIA THOMPSON.

To MR. LUTHER BERNARD, No. — Cherry St., Phila.

Reply to the Written Request of a Gentleman to be admitted as a Suitor.

SHARON, HAMILTON CO., OHIO, May 8, 18—.

SIR.—Your very frank letter does not surprise me, as your attentions to me while I was in the city, together with your manner, led me to infer that you desired our acquaintance to assume a more intimate character. Candor compels me to acknowledge that my observations, during the short time I had an opportunity of seeing you, and what I gathered concerning your character from the conversations of those who know you, have caused me to regard you with feelings of esteem. I should not, therefore, object to receiving you as a suitor, but I cannot do so without the approbation of my parents, to whom I have referred your letter, and who will, I doubt not, give you an answer at the earliest possible moment. I remain, sir, Your sincere well-wisher,

EUNICE HOLLAND.

To MR. ABEL STORY, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Answer of a Young Lady to the Written Proposal of a Gentleman, who had met her in Company the previous Evening.

ASHTON ST., PHILA., Feb. 12, 18—.

SIR.—Your precipitation in addressing one who, until last evening, was a total stranger to you, is very censurable, to say the least of it; and, though our sex usually regard as a high compliment, offers calculated to insure a permanent acquaintance, yet I can assure you that the present offer is not so considered. My judgment deciding me against entertaining your hasty proposal, I felt bound in duty to state the occurrence to my parents, before whom I laid your letter, and by whose advice I have penned these few lines in answer.

I remain, sir, yours respectfully,

LUCY JONES.

To MR. JOHN SMITH, No. — Seventh St., Phila.

Favorable Answer to a Similar Proposal.

FORTY-SEVENTH ST., PHILA., March 10, 18—.

SIR.—The precipitation with which you make advances toward a more intimate acquaintance, would seem to indicate that, like Cæsar of old, you think you have only to "come, see, and conquer;" but nothing saves you from merited defeat, except your existing friendship with my brother, which is in some measure an excuse for conduct that can scarcely be justified on ordinary grounds. I cannot, however, sanction further attention on your part, without consulting my father, in whose hands I have placed your letter. Your sentiments toward me seem to be founded in honorable feelings, and thus far give me pleasure; yet I must beg you to excuse me for a time from giving further sanction to your addresses.

I remain, sir, your sincere friend,

ISABELLA GREEN

To MR. ALFRED WATSON, No. — Thirty-Fifth St., Phila.

Reply to a Second Letter, received after frequent Meetings.

FORTY-SEVENTH ST., PHILA., May 30, 18—.

DEAR SIR.—Your assiduous, yet delicate attentions, have strengthened the favorable impression I had formed, but which the abrupt manner of your address compelled me to conceal; and, while acknowledging that your conduct has ever been that of a finished gentleman, I cannot avoid confessing that I entertain for yourself a strong feeling of regard. It is not prudent, however, to arrive at hasty conclusions, or to mistake momentary impulses for permanent impressions; each should seek to know more of the other's disposition and temper, and to establish that sincere esteem which is the only substantial foundation of every deeper feeling.

My father coincides in my views, and authorizes me to say that you will be a welcome guest at our social board, over which I have the honor to preside. To this arrangement, I can assure you, my dear sir, no objection will be made by

Yours, very sincerely,

ISABELLA GREEN.

To MR. ALFRED WATSON, No. - - Thirty-Fifth St., Phila.

On more Intimate Acquaintance.

FORTY-SEVENTH ST., PHILA., Sept. 5, 18—.

DEAR ALFRED.—We (that is, you and I) have been invited to a fruit-party, at Mr. Todd's, on next Thursday evening. Many persons of our mutual acquaintance will be present, and you will be expected to give the company some of your best songs, in the usual inimitable style, or as you have been in the habit of singing them for me.

I have been occupied all day in making little fancy articles for the fair in aid of the poor, to be held at our church during Christmas week. To-morrow I will be similarly employed; and, indeed, during many weeks to come, I shall have but little leisure to devote to one, whose name has been associated for some months past with my fondest thoughts and prayers.

Come early on Thursday evening, as I have something to say to you which, I have no doubt, will prove interesting.

Your own affectionate
ISABELLA GREEN.

To MR. ALFRED WATSON, No. — Thirty-Fifth St., Phila.

Sanctioning the Addresses of a Gentleman.

MONTICELLO, LEWIS CO., MO., April 5, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — I have not been insensible to your attentions: indeed, how could I be? since they were directed exclusively to myself, who, in personal attractions and mental endowments, cannot equal many others who have failed to secure your preference. I candidly admit that I was not only flattered, but highly pleased by your attentions, and that I endeavored to persuade myself of the existence in your breast of a higher feeling than one of mere esteem for the humble lady who had been the object of your kindnesses. You can very well judge what were my feelings on reading your letter, in which you ask the liberty to pay your addresses in a manner, the purpose of which cannot be mistaken, as you say that you have selected me as the one most likely to contribute to your happiness in the married state. May we still continue to entertain the same warm regard for each other we have hitherto cherished, until it shall ripen into that affection which wedlock sanctions, and which time cannot impair!

Believe me to be yours, sincerely attached,
RACHEL NEWLIN.

To MR. RALPH MORSE, Grove Park, Lewis Co., Mo.

Refusing the Addresses of a Gentleman.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 8, 18—.

SIR. — Notwithstanding I feel much flattered by your avowed preference, as well as by your proffer toward a mutually better acquaintance, I beg leave respectfully to decline

receiving your addresses, which, I perceive by the tone of your letter, a misconstruction of my behavior toward yourself, has encouraged you in thinking would not prove disagreeable to the recipient.

My reasons for this course you will not, I trust, cause me pain by demanding; and I rely upon your honor to avoid a recurrence to the subject. An appeal to my parents will not serve your cause, as they have already decided never to trammel my inclinations in an affair of so much delicacy, and in which my happiness is so completely involved.

Entertaining the best wishes for your future welfare, permit me to subscribe myself

Yours, most respectfully,
MADELINE LESTER.

To MR DAVID LAURENS, Burlington, N. J.

To a Suitor, accompanying the Present of the Lady's Miniature.

S. FIFTEENTH ST., PHILA., Dec. 10, 18—.

DEAR EUSTACE.—At one of our recent interviews, you bestowed high encomiums upon what you were pleased to style my beauty, and expressed a desire to possess a fac-simile of my features, a glance at which, in my absence, would suffice to recall me to your remembrance. I have not been forgetful of your kind wish; and, accompanying this letter, you will find the much-coveted likeness, which I am aware is rather too flattering; but this is a common error of artists, and therefore in some measure excusable. Irrespective of this fault, it has been thought to bear some resemblance to me; and if it should but serve the intended purpose, the skill of the artist will not have been exercised in vain. I do not for a moment doubt your acceptance of it, and by so doing, my dear Eustace, you will confer a favor upon

Your truly affectionate
RACHEL JENNINGS.

To MR. EUSTACE LOVERING, Media, Chester Co., Pa.

On Receipt of a Miniature from a Suitor.

Mt. Holly, Burlington Co., N. J., Oct. 3, 18—.

Dear Richard. — I have to thank you for one of the most acceptable presents it was in your power to bestow on me — the miniature resemblance of him, who, of all others, I am most desirous to keep in recollection. Allow me to say that I do not think the artist has done you full justice, especially in portraying your eyes; those in the miniature lacking vivacity, which is their greatest beauty in the original. I accept your gift with unspeakable delight, as it will afford me some kind of solace during your absence, by recalling you forcibly to my recollection. In return, I have at present nothing better to send you than a renewed assurance of my most sincere attachment, which, I trust, may prove as welcome to you, as your treasured miniature has proved to me.

With ardent wishes for your happiness, believe me to be

Ever yours, affectionately,

Celia Leedom.

To Richard Bartine, Esq., Beverly,
Burlington Co., N. J.

Referring a Proposed Suitor to the Lady's Father.

Federal St., Phila., June 9, 18—

Sir. — I have just finished the perusal of your kind letter, in which you propose, should the approval of my parents be secured, to occupy the position of a suitor for my hand. Our acquaintance, although short, has enabled us to gain some little insight into the character, disposition, habits, and tastes of each other; but, allow me to observe, this knowledge should be thorough, before we can be assured of perfect happiness in the state of wedlock. My opinion of yourself is favorable, and I feel gratified at the polite attentions which you have recently paid me; but I cannot take any step of importance without consulting my parents, and, therefore, I refer you to my father for an answer to your proposal. I will immediately place your letter in his hands, and we must abide his decision.

I am, sir, yours, very respectfully,

Gertrude Tallmadge.

To Mr. Alvin Blank, No. — Washington Avenue,
Philadelphia.

Regretting a Suitor's absence from Home.

Elkton, Cecil Co., Md., July 20, 18—.

My Dear Ralph. — Your own feelings will, I am certain, lead you to conjecture how constantly and tenderly my thoughts dwell upon you. Until now I have never known the full strength of my attachment, nor how necessary is your presence to my happiness. Your absence renders the routine of my daily duties monotonous, and divests them of all their usual interest; beside which, I am tortured by a thousand fears for your safety. Dear Ralph, will you not despatch your business as soon as possible, and return to comfort the heart of one, whose whole being is centered in yours, and who deems it an honor to be permitted to subscribe herself

Your truly affectionate

Edith Bardolph.

To Ralph Edwards, Esq., Louisville, Ky.

Reply to a Letter expressive of Jealousy.

Summer St., Phila., April 21, 18—.

Dearest Erastus. — Although at first disposed to laugh at the tone of your letter, this feeling was speedily succeeded by one of indignation and wounded pride. That, after our long acquaintance, during which we have so frequently expressed sentiments of mutual esteem and attachment, and interchanged vows of confidence in each other's constancy, you could, for a moment, entertain a doubt of my faithfulness, is a torturing reflection. I should feel inclined to tax you with want of humanity in forcing upon me such

a train of thought, were I not convinced that your jealousy is rather the offspring of excessive affection, than dictated by an impulse of wanton cruelty. Unsolicited, therefore, I freely pardon you, well knowing that you will seek my forgiveness after you have weighed the matter fairly, and discovered how groundless are your doubts. Confide in me as implicitly as I have in you, and all will be well. Henceforth I trust you will believe me to be

Yours, unchangeably,
ADELIA WINTER.

To ERASTUS BROOKER, No. — Coates St., Phila.

To a Suitor, expressing Doubts of his Fidelity.

FILBERT ST., PHILA., Feb. 4, 18—.

DEAR SIR.—Your demeanor toward me of late has seemed to partake of an unwonted coolness, which, I am convinced, nothing upon my part could have given you the slightest cause for showing. Is it possible that another has usurped my place in your affections? When I endeavor to call to mind in whose society I have seen you, I find there is one lady who occasions in my heart feelings of jealousy, and those feelings have prompted me to write this letter. Pray heaven my suspicions may be groundless! and if they are ease my anxiety by a few brief, but encouraging lines, which will not fail to convince me that a place in your affections is still retained by Your exacting friend,
BLANCHE BARTOLF

To MR. ADOLPHUS BARRINGTON, No. — Oak St., Phila.

On Receipt of an Apology from a Suitor for some Offence.

ROME, FLOYD CO., GA., Aug. 10, 18—

MY DEAR ARCHIBALD.—That you have offended me, I have not attempted to disguise from you; but the apology contained in the letter which I have just received, does honor to your head and heart, and not only proves you to be a man

of rare integrity of character, but effectually removes from my mind that feeling of displeasure to which your late conduct had given rise. Henceforth, let us banish the painful subject from recollection: your very sensible and manly letter has reconciled our difference, and determined me to subscribe myself, as on former occasions,

Ever yours, affectionately,
DELIA BLOXHAM.

To MR. ARCHIBALD KNOX, Savannah, Ga.

Answer to a Suitor's Letter, in which he intimates his desire to discontinue the Acquaintance.

PALMYRA, SOMERSET CO., ME., Nov. 13, 18—.

SIR.—Your letter, intimating a desire to withdraw from the relation which for some time past you have occupied toward myself, now lies before me. Until the present moment, I had regarded you as my future husband, and looked with indifference upon all other suitors; for your image was enshrined in my heart, and the remembrance of you was interwoven with all the pleasures of life. But do not think me so wanting in proper pride as to wish your determination revoked. Whether conceived in cool deliberation, or in precipitate haste, I will not attempt to dissuade you from adhering to your purpose.

Sir, I shall banish you from my affections at once and forever; and I now only require you to return me those letters which I wrote you under a mistaken confidence in your honor and attachment, when you were regarded as the future husband of The basely treated
ESTHER FLORENCE.

To MR. FRANKLIN PIERSOL, Portland, Me.

Declining Further Addresses, on Account of Deception

WEST ST., PHILA., Dec. 8, 18—.

SIR.—My demeanor toward you of late cannot fail to have prepared you for the intimation which this letter is

designed to convey. Your addresses to me must henceforth cease. The protestations of attachment which passed between us, were made under the supposition that neither party would be guilty of deception. Of this you have been convicted—your own consciousness will tell you how. You will please return me any of my letters in your possession; and herewith you will find all the trifling presents received at your hands, which honor forbids me any longer to regard as mine; though they have hitherto been valued as the gifts of one I believed to be incapable of deception, or of wounding the happiness of

The grievously disappointed,
HANNAH RAMBO.

To MR. RUFUS GILES, No. — Madison St., Phila.

To an Accepted Suitor.

HATBORO', MONTGOMERY CO., PA., June 10, 18—.

DEAR STEPHEN.—We derived much pleasure from a perusal of your kind and affectionate letter, in which you announce your intention of making this neighborhood your permanent residence. I assure you we shall all be on the anxious seat of expectation, awaiting your arrival; and father and mother are especially delighted with the prospect of your settling here, as they will thus be partakers of our pleasures, which could not have been the case had you decided to remain in Philadelphia.

I received your pretty present, and when I see you I will repay you for your kind remembrance of myself, in more acceptable coin than that of the United States. Until we meet, my dearest Stephen, I remain

Your affectionate and faithful
SUSAN HARRIS.

To MR. STEPHEN ADDIS, No. — Cherry St., Phila.

Complaining of a Suitor's Silence.

MONTPELIER, ST. HELENA CO., LA., May 6, 18—

MY DEAR SYDNEY.—An entire week has passed without receiving a letter from you! Really, I must say you are becoming grossly negligent, and I shall begin to think some new attraction has supplanted me in your heart. Although deeply grieved by your unusual neglect, I do not write from idle jealousy, but because I am anxious concerning your health and welfare, which you well know are always in my thoughts

I have nothing to communicate at this moment, and, indeed, I am too much depressed in spirits to write a long epistle. I beseech you speedily to remove all doubt from the mind of one, whose waking thoughts and nightly dreams centre upon you alone.

Affectionately, yours,
PRISCILLA VANDEVER.

To MR. SYDNEY FOLSOM, New Orleans, La.

Declining Addresses, on account of a Change of Feeling.

RITTENHOUSE ST., PHILA., May 20, 18—.

MY DEAR SIR.—Although my avowal may cause you some pain, yet I deem it better to be frank in all matters where the happiness of another is concerned. I regret to say that my sentiments in regard to yourself have undergone a change. While my esteem for your character remains unshaken, I cannot blind myself to the fact that I do not cherish such an affection as a wife ought to feel for her husband, and without which married life is a continual scene of torment and vexation. Do not accuse me of acting from mere fickleness, as at present I do not entertain a partiality for any other person; but you must pardon the expression of my firm belief, that all correspondence between us should cease at once, and that such letters as are in the possession of each should be returned at the first convenient opportunity.

With the assurance that, as a friend, I shall ever remember you with esteem, I remain, my dear sir,

Your humble servant,

CYNTHIA CLAIBORNE.

To Mr. Bela Baldwin, No. — Tower St., Phila.

Reply to an absurdly Romantic Letter.

Erie St., Phila., June 25, 18—.

Sir. — Your epistle of yesterday was perused with mingled feelings of disgust and indignation. If it were intended as a jest, it is a pitiful one to play off on a defenceless female; but, if you really intended your address to be received in earnest by the woman whom you profess to esteem, I will candidly say to you, that such language has effected the very opposite of what you intended, and excited in her mind a feeling of aversion.

Regretting that you should have adopted a style which neither usage nor common sense can sanction, I remain, sir,

Your obedient servant,

THEODORA SENSEMAN.

To Mr. Zachary Highflown, No. — Lombard St., Phila.

Refusing a Gentleman, on the ground of a Pre-engagement.

Ontario St., Phila., Jan. 7, 18—.

Sir. — Having every reason to respect you as a gentleman, and to feel honored by the preference so candidly avowed for myself, it would not be honorable in me to allow you to retain a false impression, although I am sensible that, in removing it from your mind, I will cause you temporary disquietude.

I have been for some months engaged to a gentleman, from a union with whom I have every reason to look for comfort and happiness. You will, therefore, perceive the necessity of regarding me hereafter only in the light of a friend.

With the hope that you may soon meet with such a partner as your merits deserve, I beg leave to subscribe myself

Your obliged and sincere friend,

MELISSA GRANGER.

To Mr. Aaron Harmer, No. — Fitzwater St., Phila.

Refusal, on the ground of Dislike.

Duke St., Phila., Nov. 9, 18—.

Sir.—I am astonished at your temerity, or, rather, your impudence. The man who assisted in effecting a brother's ruin, is not a suitable partner for his sister; and a moment's reflection might have convinced you that your agency in the matter to which I allude, has earned for you, not the love, but the unchangeable dislike of

MADELINE E. LESTER.

To Mr. Edmund Gorton, No. — Beaver St., Phila.

Refusal, on the ground of Unsteadiness.

Noble St., Phila., Aug. 10, 18—.

Sir. — There was a time when your addresses would have flattered and pleased me, but that time has long since passed away. Your conduct during the last two years has been made known to me, and, viewing you in the light of a dangerous man, I do not desire any more intimate acquaintance. I could not reasonably expect happiness from a union with an individual who has destroyed the mental quiet of more than one young person, by his total disregard of what is due to the weaker by the stronger sex.

Hoping that you may hereafter adopt a more manly line of conduct, and promote your own future happiness by respecting that of others, I remain

Your sincere well-wisher,

AURELIA VIRTUE.

To Mr. Apollos Benedict, No. — Hamilton St., Phila.

Refusal of an old Acquaintance on Account of Want of Means.

LOCUST ST., PHILA., June 23, 18—.

MY DEAR PHILIP.—Your proposal gives me both pleasure and pain. I am pleased with the sincerity of your expressions, and pained at the thought that I am compelled to discourage your advances. Our present condition is, in my opinion, an insuperable barrier to a speedy union; for, notwithstanding your untiring energy and industry, you can now do but little more than provide for your own maintenance. What, then, would be the result of your union with one who, unable to assist you, would only be an additional incumbrance? My dear Philip, I am satisfied that we must wait for better days, and not entail incalculable misery upon others, as well as upon ourselves, by any hasty and ill-advised step. When more prosperous times arrive, it may then be well for us to talk about matrimony.

With the best wishes for your welfare, believe me to be

Your affectionate friend,

REBECCA MASTERS.

TO MR. PHILIP LANDON, No. — S. Twelfth St., Phila.

On Receipt of a Birthday Congratulation.

AMERICUS, SUMPTER CO., GA., Oct. 30, 18—.

MY DEAR EDWIN.—Your absence yesterday was in part compensated by your charming letter, received on the 27th inst, in which your thoughts were poured forth so fervently, that I read them and wept over them alternately, until at last I began to believe that the sense of being beloved was not unmixed with pain.

We had a most delightful day, and enjoyed it in company with several of our mutual friends, who made a little party in honor of my birthday. Indeed, they rather overwhelmed me with their kind attentions; and between singing, music, and dancing in the evening, I was quite fatigued when we parted, at 11 P. M.

I hope you have secured good accommodations in Philadelphia, and that among your fellow-students at the Pennsylvania College, you have discovered some agreeable companions. I have no news to communicate, and but little more to say, except to beg you to write frequently.

Papa and mamma, as well as all our friends, unite in conveying to you their kindest wishes; and with sincere gratitude for your constant tenderness and affection, believe me to be

Your ever-faithful and loving

CAROLINE LAFOURCADE.

TO MR. EDWIN RONALDSON, Pennsylvania College of Medicine, Philadelphia.

A Young Lady asking Counsel of her Mother.

LONG BRANCH, MONMOUTH CO., N. J., July 31, 18—.

DEAREST MAMMA.—My visit here has been an incessant round of gayety and pleasure, and my health was never better than at the present moment. I enjoy the bathing, and George always accompanies me while in the water, to guard me from the danger of accident.

I have a serious matter to confess, which I hope will not anger you. Although it seems wrong for me to think of loving any one but my dear mamma, yet if you could see Walter Barton, I am sure you would forgive me: he is so gentle, sensible, accomplished, and — handsome. He was introduced to me by Mrs. Raynor, who has a high opinion of him, and his visits have become almost a daily occurrence He is most honorable and straightforward, and desires permission to inform you of his present means and future prospects.

Forgive me, dear mamma, if I am wrong; but I must confess that my feelings are deeply enlisted in his favor, and I feel that much of my future happiness depends upon our union. Would that you were here to counsel me! for

never before did I find my reason so much under the control of my heart.

Please write immediately, or come yourself, to

Your affectionate, but anxious child,

BLANCHE NORTH.

To MRS. EMMELINE NORTH, No. — Walnut St., Phila.

Mamma's Reply.

WALNUT ST., PHILA., Aug. 2, 18—.

MY DEAR DAUGHTER. — I am ever willing to do any thing which may tend to secure your happiness. If your account of Mr. Barton be not exaggerated, my fondest wishes will be realized; but be careful, before you give an unqualified assent to his proposals, to study the minuter details of his disposition and character. I shall be at Long Branch on Thursday week, when I shall experience not only the pleasure of embracing my dear children, but also of an introduction to him whom my daughter has deemed worthy of a place in her affections. Your loving mother,

EMMELINE NORTH.

To MISS BLANCHE NORTH, Atlantic Hotel,
Long Branch, Monmouth Co., N. J.

The Young Lady's Letter to the Gentleman.

LONG BRANCH, MONMOUTH CO., N. J., Aug. 4, 18—.

MY DEAR WALTER. — Rejoice with me, for mamma favors our attachment. Let us, however, follow her advice, and each study the temper and peculiarities of the other more thoroughly, before we take any decided steps. By becoming acquainted with each other's little whims and humors, we will be more able to make allowance for, and yield to, one another, when occasion may require. I trust we shall see mamma in a few days, when, I am certain, her favorable opinion of yourself will be fully confirmed.

I remain, dear Walter, Yours, affectionately,

BLANCHE NORTH

To MR. WALTER BARTON, Ocean House,
Long Branch, N. J.

From a Widow, in answer to Proposals.

LOMBARD ST., PHILA., Sept. 27, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — I have just finished the perusal of your very flattering letter, and in reply to the proposition therein set forth, I must say, that I have no objection to again enter the married state; yet, although your expressed preference for myself is certainly pleasing, I am not now prepared to give a direct answer.

Our acquaintance is at present imperfect, and each knows nothing of the tastes and temper of the other. This knowledge is absolutely necessary to a decision regarding our adaptability to each other, and our fitness for enjoying a life-partnership together. Being willing to allow of such facilities as shall enable us both to arrive at correct conclusions, I beg leave to inform you that the commencement of your addresses will meet with no obstacle from

Yours, most respectfully,

ELIZABETH JONES.

To MR. JAMES GRAY, No. — Pine St., Phila.

From a Widow, declining Proposals.

PRATT ST., BALTIMORE, MD., June 5, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — I have not failed to notice that your behavior toward me, of late, has been more than ordinarily attentive, and that, on more than one occasion, you have rendered me essential service. Though your conduct has won my favor and friendship, it has not inspired the passion to which you allude—a second marriage being foreign to my views, whether on account of attachment to the memory of my late husband, or of advancing years, is immaterial to the purpose. Had I supposed that your attentions were the result of any other feeling than one of pure friendship, I should certainly have unhesitatingly declined them.

You may infer, from these observations, that I decline the honor of your addresses, as a re-entrance into the married

state would not coincide with the plans I have formed for my future happiness.

Please accept my best wishes for your welfare, and believe me to be, my dear sir, Yours, most sincerely,

FIDELIA FORBES.

To MR. JACOB PLUNKETT, No. — Central Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

From a Widow to a Gentleman much Younger than Herself

H ST., WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7, 18—.

DEAR SIR.—My objections to the proposal contained in your letter, though but few in number, demand some attention, and, I am well assured, cannot be overcome. You state that you are twenty-six years of age; I am forty-five. I have a son seventeen years of age, and consequently too far advanced to learn filial duty from one not much his senior. As to my little fortune, I consider myself merely the trustee for my children; and, therefore, I will not impose upon you by accrediting the common report, that I am wealthy.

When you can convince me that, in point of age, fortune, and morals, you are such a person as I can, without reproach, take for my husband, and constitute the guardian of my children, I shall cease to suspect, that motives not the most honorable have induced you to play the lover to a woman sufficiently old to be your mother.

I hope that I have said enough to make you ashamed of your conduct, and to convince you that, though you have lost a sweetheart you have found a real friend, in

Yours, truly,

LUCRETIA FREYTAU.

To MR. TITUS BRUSH, No. — Fourteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

In Relation to fixing a Day for the Wedding.

OTTAWA, LA SALLE CO., ILL., Sept. 13, 18—.

MY DEAR HERMAN.—Your affectionate letter of the 9th, just received, has been read with pleasurable feelings,

as presenting another convincing proof of your attachment The task imposed upon me I will cheerfully perform; and in answer to your expressed desire, that the performance of our nuptial ceremony may not be postponed beyond a reasonable time, I have to assure you that I will not occasion any unnecessary delay; but the convenience of my relatives and friends must, in some measure, control my choice of the day. I will, however, consult them without loss of time, and at the earliest opportunity, I will apprise you of our decision.

With many prayers for your continued health and happiness, I remain, my dear Herman,

Your very affectionate

JEANNETTE PARKER.

To MR. HERMAN BŒTTICHER, Bloomington,
McLean Co., Ill.

Informing a Lady Friend of intended Marriage, and engaging her as a Bride-maid.

OTTAWA, LA SALLE CO., ILL., Sept. 18, 18—.

DEAR ANGELINE.—The attentions which, you are aware, have been so long paid me by Mr. Herman Bœtticher, of Bloomington, have resulted in the offer of his hand and heart. Having decided to accept his proposals, and thus become his partner for life, I have every reasonable prospect before me for enjoying happiness in the married state. The time of our union has been fixed for the 20th day of October, and you will confer upon me a great favor if you will consent to act on that occasion as my bride-maid. It will not take you more than a day to get here by railroad, and, as we purpose proceeding on a visit to the East immediately after the ceremony, we will, as you may desire, either take you with us, or, diverging from our route, we will drop you at Springfield. You are aware that an early reply will be requisite, and pray let it be in compliance with the earnest wish of, my dear Angeline, Your affectionate friend,

JEANNETTE PARKER.

To MISS ANGELINE MERRIMAN, Springfield, Ill.

Affirmative and Congratulatory Reply.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Sept. 21, 18—.

MY DEAR JEANNETTE.—I heartily approve of your choice, wherein you have evinced a discrimination creditable to your taste, as well as to that good sense which has thus far been your guide. Enviable is the lot of that woman who is destined to journey through life in company with such a partner as you have selected, and equally happy is the man whose good fortune has placed in his way such a rare combination of grace, modesty, and virtue as yourself.

Your friendly letter, announcing your intended marriage, now lies before me, and I must say that I feel highly flattered by your selection of my humble self as your bride-maid. You could scarcely have preferred any request with which I would have more cheerfully complied. Expect, therefore, to see me on the 20th of October, the approach of which I shall look for with some impatience, as I hope the happiness of my dear and valued friend will be then consummated.

Yours, most sincerely and affectionately,
ANGELINE MERRIMAN.

To MISS JEANNETTE PARKER, Ottawa,
La Salle Co., Ill.

A Lady congratulating her Friend on her Marriage.

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 2, 18—.

MY DEAR JEANNETTE.—Few tasks are more congenial to my tastes than that of congratulating a valued young friend upon a change of life which promises to increase her share of worldly happiness. Your very kind letter, informing me of your recent marriage, has just been received; and, as soon after your return to Ottawa as your convenience will permit, I shall pay you a visit, for the purpose of tendering my respects to your husband, and presenting my congratulations to both parties. May the state to which you are transferred be

attended by every connubial blessing! and may you, who are so instrumental in promoting the comfort of others, be as happy as your merits deserve! I have more to say on this subject than the compass of my letter will admit; but when I shall have the pleasure of visiting you in your own snug home, I will give you much advice that may be useful to you hereafter, in retaining that love so necessary to your life-long happiness. Until then, I beg leave to subscribe myself

Your sincere and attached friend,
SOPHIA DOUGLASS.

To MRS. JEANNETTE BŒTTICHER, Ottawa,
La Salle Co., Ill.

Answer of the newly-married Lady to a Congratulatory Epistle.

OTTAWA, LA SALLE CO., ILL., Nov. 10, 18—.

MY DEAR MRS. DOUGLASS.—Your affectionate letter has just been received, and I have to thank you for congratulations, which are most affectionate and sincere. I am delighted to learn that you intend paying me a visit, as I have much to say to you, and will gladly listen to, as well as profit by, any advice you may have to impart. The separation from my family, together with the strangeness of the sound, when I hear myself addressed by my new name, tend at times to cast a gloom over my spirits, which is only removed by the presence of my dear Herman, who says and does everything he can to make me cheerful. On the whole, however, I was never more happy than I am at present, although I am no longer a giddy Miss, but a demure wife.

Do not delay your visit longer than possible; Herman being almost as anxious as myself to greet you with a hearty welcome to our new abode. For the present, adieu, and believe me to be still

Your ever-affectionate friend,
JEANNETTE BŒTTICHER.

To MRS. SOPHIA DOUGLASS, Chicago, Ill.

Remonstrance of a Young Lady against the Reckless Life of her Future Husband.

PARRISH ST., PHILA., Feb. 9, 18—.

MY DEAR THEOPHILUS.—It is very painful to my feelings to be compelled to address you in language to which hitherto you have not been accustomed, but I feel that, between persons who are destined to pass through this world in company, the most perfect confidence and truthfulness should exist. Therefore I will at once unburden my mind on a subject of vital importance to us both.

Since we passed a week together at Saratoga, during the last summer, you seem to have acquired a taste for fast life, neither in consonance with your disposition, nor calculated to qualify you for domestic life. Our start in life will be but humble, and we must necessarily rely upon economy and perseverance, if we hope to obtain a competency. The society of some with whom you associate is very prejudicial to your future prospects; as they are possessed of ample fortunes, and are luring you into the acquirement of a taste for expense, which will give you a disrelish for the tranquil simplicity of home.

My dear Theophilus, these remarks are made in no spirit of censoriousness, but come from one whose hopes of happiness are centred in your well-doing. Conceive, if you can, the bitter sorrow I feel at your estrangement from me by a life of pleasure; and think of the vexation you would yourself display, if I exhibited that negligence of the future which must render our happiness impossible. My dear Theophilus, let me beseech you to abandon company which can only unsettle your disposition, and destroy your future prospects. I feel assured that your native goodness of heart, and the affection you have so frequently plighted to me, will make you take this remonstrance in good part. Think not ill of one who advises you, not as being older and more experienced than yourself, but as loving you with a sincerity which cannot be paralleled, and which induces a watchfulness over your welfare surpassing that exercised by yourself.

May the Almighty watch over you, my dear Theophilus, and may He strengthen us to amend our own faults, and bear with those of each other.

Yours, most affectionately,
MAUD WILLETTS.

To MR. THEOPHILUS ELLERY, No. — N. Fifteenth St., Philadelphia.

A Chambermaid to her Suitor.

SPRUCE ST., PHILA., June 10, 18—.

DEAR JOSEPH.—Your very kind letter of the 8th inst. was received yesterday, and I am pleased to hear that you are doing well. I have a very comfortable place, and not too much work. Mrs. —— gives me $1.50 per week, and, as the young ladies make me many presents of clothes, I am not compelled to buy much, and can lay by nearly all my wages. Save all you can, so that, when we get married, we may be able to open a shop, and stock it with goods.

I have liberty to go out on Thursday afternoons, as well as every second Sunday afternoon, and I hope to meet you on those days at Mrs. ——'s. Until then, I remain

Your faithful
JANE NOLAN.

To MR. JOSEPH MCARDLE, No. — Walnut St., Phila.

A Housemaid to her Suitor.

ARCH ST., PHILA., Jan. 7, 18—.

DEAR THOMAS. — I am happy to hear that you are in good health, and that you have steady employment. Come to see me to-morrow evening; I shall be disengaged after 8 o'clock, and we can sit down quietly in the kitchen, and talk over our prospects. I am all anxiety for the approach of that

day when we shall be united forever; then I shall have the protection of an industrious and kind husband.

Persevere in the right way, and you will always enjoy the love of

Yours, sincerely,
SUSAN MARPLE.

To MR. THOMAS JONES, No. — Perry St., Phila.

Reply of a Cookmaid to a Proposal of Immediate Marriage.

MT. VERNON ST., PHILA., Nov. 23, 18—.

MY DEAR WILLIAM.—As we are both young, there is no need of our being in haste to get married. I am as anxious for our union as you can be, but prudence controls my desire. If you secure a permanent situation at your trade, we may then marry with safety, as I can open a shop, and sell pies and cakes, the profit from which will pay our rent, besides providing many little comforts of which we will be in need. Think not that indifference makes me object to your plans; prudence is my counsellor against the risk of poverty, followed, as is too frequently the case, by mutual dissipation and wretchedness.

With the hope that you will take in good part the well-meant advice of one who loves you well, allow me to join a wish for your company as early on Wednesday evening as may suit your convenience.

Your ever-faithful
DOROTHY HIBBS.

To MR. WILLIAM TOOMBS, No. — Logan St., Phila.

From a Female in Service, refusing Proposals.

WEST SEVENTEENTH ST., NEW YORK, Nov. 8, 18—.

MR. HUGH.—What induced you to believe that I had any partiality for you? I am very sure that I never treated you with greater kindness than any other of my male friends, with all of whom I chat pleasantly when I meet them. Let

me tell you that, though I wish you well, I have no desire to receive any attentions from you, and I shall be much obliged if you will hereafter only regard me as a kind friend.

Respectfully, yours,
ABIGAIL DISHLEY.

To MR. HUGH STUCKEY, No. — Barclay St., New York.

Another from a Female in Service, refusing Addresses.

WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 17, 18—.

MICHAEL. — I thank you for your kind offer, but, as I have no desire to enter into matrimony at the present time, I beg leave to decline the compliment you wish to pay me Girls are as numerous as blackberries in August, and, I have no doubt, you can soon find one who will make you a more suitable wife than I could hope to be. Therefore, be not discouraged, but direct your attentions to some more compliant damsel than

Your well-wisher,
BETSEY BAKER.

To MICHAEL MULLEN, No. — North Pearl St.,
Albany, N. Y.

Another, of a Similar Character.

MONTROSE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 8, 18—.

MR. HUMPHREY.—I have always said that I would never marry a man in whom I could not repose full confidence, and whose temper and habits were not such as would warrant me in trusting my future happiness to his keeping.. I have already told you that I know your habits to be bad, and I hoped you would never again annoy me with your addresses. As you have seen fit to intrude your proposals upon me once more, I take this opportunity to assure you that, hereafter, I will not reply to any letters upon the subject which may come from you,

NANCY JONES.

To MR. HUMPHREY PHELAN, No. — Grand St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Reply to a Young Farmer, who wishes his Sweetheart to name the Marriage Day.

PRINCIPIO, CECIL CO., MD., June 4, 18—

MY DEAR CALEB.—I do not know why you should be in such a hurry, but to please you I will name Thursday, the 15th inst., as the happy day. You must provide yourself with groomsmen: I have already selected Fanny Lower and Jenny Baxter to be my bride-maids. Much will have to be done, in the way of preparation, in a very short time. Of course, I shall see you every evening, as usual, and we will talk over these matters together.

Affectionately, yours,
BELINDA GRANT.

To MR. CALEB WRIGHT, near Brickley's Mills, Cecil Co., Md.

Asking for a Bride-maid.

PRINCIPIO, CECIL CO., MD., June 5, 18-.

DEAR FANNY.—Thursday, the 15th inst., has been assigned for the marriage of Caleb Wright and myself; and I now write for the purpose of asking you to act as one of my bride-maids on that very important occasion. Jenny Baxter will be the other bride-maid: I met her this morning at neighbor Jones's, and asked her consent, which she freely gave. I would have preferred to delay my wedding, but Caleb being impatient, I thought it better to gratify him To-morrow evening I will call on you; until when, I remain

Your sincere friend,
BELINDA GRANT.

To MISS FANNY LOWER, Principio, Cecil Co., Md.

Affirmative Reply.

PRINCIPIO, CECIL CO., MD., June 5, 18—.

DEAR BELINDA.—Your note, delivered to me this afternoon, informs me of your approaching marriage. I am delighted with your choice, and also with your proposal that I shall be one of the bride-maids; and I will immediately prepare a suitable dress for the occasion. What do you think of a plain white lawn, trimmed with satin ribbon? But I forgot that you are coming over to-morrow evening, when we will discuss the styles of the dresses, ornaments, etc. Bring Caleb with you, and we will stroll along the creek, chatting as we walk.

Your affectionate friend,
FANNY LOWER.

To MISS BELINDA GRANT, Principio, Cecil Co., Md.

A Young Female to a Soldier Lover, ordered to a Distant Fort.

ORONO, PENOBSCOT CO., ME., May 3, 18—.

DEAR CHARLES.—With feelings of regret I have just learned that you are about to be removed to Fort Laramie, and that my hopes of seeing you soon are doomed to bitter disappointment. How sad it is to love sincerely, and be separated thousands of miles from the object of your affections, who is forced by circumstances to change his position to suit the views of others! But we must humbly resign ourselves to the dispensations of the Almighty will, and believe that everything is ordered for the best. That He who notes the fall of a feather from a sparrow's wing, may watch over you, and protect you from all evil, is the prayer of

Your truly affectionate
LÆTITIA MORETON.

To MR. CHARLES BURDEN, Fort Mifflin, Pa.

To a Sailor Lover.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS., June 9, 18—.

MY DEAR ROBERT.—Your last letter, written at the Abrolhas Islands, caused me to shed many tears. To think that you were so long ill with the scurvy, and received so

little attention, was sufficient to anguish my susceptible heart I wish you were engaged in some other business: the roving life of a whaler is attended with so much uncertainty, that I am always anxious and troubled about you. And then, when you return home, after toiling hard for three or four years, you may not only have realized nothing for your labor, but you may actually be in debt. What a poor prospect have we not before us of happiness in the future! By the ship which brought your letter, Mrs. Barth received information of the death of her husband, who was killed by a blow from a whale's flukes. Pray God such may not be your fate!

With earnest supplications to the Almighty for your safe and speedy return, I remain, as ever,

Your truly faithful
OLIVE CRAMPTON.

To MR. ROBERT PARTRIDGE, ship John Adams, Captain Bartlett, care of Morehouse, Bros. & Co., Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land.

A Housemaid to her Parents, informing them of her Courtship.

ARCH ST., PHILA., Oct. 29, 18—.

MY DEAR PARENTS.—In compliance with what I consider to be my duty, I have to inform you that Mr. Todd, a brass-founder, residing in Twelfth St., is paying his addresses to me, with a view to marriage. He is a young man, of good moral character, earns good wages at his business, and is well spoken of by all who know him. He says he has no doubt of his ability to maintain a family, and desires me to name a day for our nuptials. This I have declined doing until I asked your blessing and consent, for I am and ever shall be

Your most dutiful daughter,
EUNICE BARNES.

To MR. and MRS. JONAS BARNES, No. — Fourth St., South Camden, N. J.

VI. FROM FEMALES TO OTHERS ON BUSINESS, WITH REPLIES.

Inquiry concerning the Character of a Chambermaid, Cook, or General Housemaid.

Fayette St., Balt., Md., Dec. 5, 18—

Madam.—Being in want of a cook, I have had numerous applications from females who are desirous of filling the situation. Among the number is Martha Body, who says she was employed in your household for nearly two years. As I like her appearance, I shall esteem it a favor if you will inform me whether you found her to be honest, civil, and cleanly, and whether her strength and activity were equal to the duties she had to perform. An early answer embracing also your reasons for having parted with her, will greatly oblige

Your very obedient servant,
Katharine Bulkley.

To Mrs. Lavinia Trotter,
No. — Charles St., Balt. Md.

Favorable Answer.

CHARLES ST., BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 5, 18—.

MADAM.—Your polite note was duly received, and, in answer to the questions therein contained, concerning the character of Martha Rody, I have to say, that she lived with me the time specified, during which I always found her attentive to her duties, and fully equal to their performance. I never had occasion to question her honesty, and with her cleanliness there existed no reason for finding fault. A demand for higher wages than I felt inclined to give, was the cause of her leaving my employment; but that shall not prevent me from doing her justice, by saying that I can recommend her, with full confidence in her ability to give entire satisfaction.

I remain, Madam, Your obedient servant,
LAVINIA TROTTER.

To MRS. KATHARINE BULKLEY, No. — Fayette St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Unfavorable Reply.

SARATOGA ST., BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 6, 18—.

MADAM.—In answer to the inquiries contained in your very polite note, received this morning, I beg leave to inform you that Susan Caddy, being incompetent to discharge the duties of her situation, I was compelled to dismiss her from my service. Of her honesty, cleanliness, etc., I cannot complain, having no grounds for doing so. Please consider me Madam, Yours, very respectfully,
VICTORIA RANSOM.

To MRS. KATHARINE BULKLEY, No. — Fayette St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Inquiry for a Lady's Maid.

FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, June 3, 18—.

DEAR MELISSA.—I am about to visit Havana, in company with papa, but, though we sail on the 10th inst., I am

as yet unprovided with a maid. Do you know of any cheerful and attentive young person, who has already performed a sea-voyage, and who would be willing to accompany me in the required capacity? As you are aware, I would be a kind mistress, and avoid giving useless trouble — my object being rather to procure an agreeable companion, who would care for me on ship-board, and enliven the tediousness of a residence in Havana during papa's absence in Hayti.

I regret giving you trouble, and will reciprocate the favor I ask, when an opportunity occurs. Meanwhile, I remain, as ever, Truly yours,
MADELINE COSTALERO.

To MISS MELISSA CARSTAIRS, No. — 145th St., New York.

Favorable Reply.

145TH ST., NEW YORK, June 4, 18—.

DEAR MADELINE.—I was absent from home when your polite note arrived, and I did not receive it until this morning. Perceiving that there was no time to be lost, I immediately sent for a very respectable young female, who has been across the ocean several times, and communicated to her your desires. Finding that she had no objection to filling the position of maid to your amiable self, I requested her to call on you with this introductory note, which she very kindly consented to do. She is a perfect adept in matters connected with the toilet; and were I not already well suited, I would gladly engage her. The numerous testimonials in her possession are the best evidence of her good character, and her pleasant as well as modest manners are apparent to the most superficial observer.

That your voyage may prove as pleasant as you anticipate is the sincere wish of

Your friend,
MELISSA CARSTAIRS.

To MISS MADELINE COSTALERO, No. — Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Inquiry for a Companion to an Invalid.

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE, PHILA., May 25, 18—.

DEAR MRS. ASHBY. — Our friend, Mrs. Denton, who you are aware, is in a declining state of health, and incapacitated for reading by the inflamed condition of her eyes, desires to secure the services of an elderly lady, possessing some educational qualifications, who will be an agreeable companion, reading to her when required, and enlivening the monotony of her existence by cheerful conversation. Disease has rendered Mrs. Denton's temper somewhat irritable, but she is naturally kind-hearted, and I doubt not that she would prove to be a valuable friend to a lady whose shattered fortunes might induce her to accept such a situation. If, among your acquaintances, there be any lady who, you think, will meet the requirements of the case, I will undertake to bring about a personal introduction, so that each may form some idea of the other's disposition, before entering into an agreement for a permanent residence together.

With sentiments of great respect, I remain, my dear Mrs Ashby, Yours, very sincerely,

REBECCA WILLARD

To MRS. SARAH ASHBY, No. — S. Fifteenth St., Phila.

Favorable Reply.

S. FIFTEENTH ST., PHILA., May 27, 18—.

MY DEAR MRS. WILLARD. — It is very gratifying to me to have the opportunity of benefiting two persons whom I highly esteem, and I owe you many thanks for enabling me to perform such a good work.

Miss Clara Blank, now a lady about forty-three years of age, is the sole survivor of a once numerous and highly respectable family, which, as it diminished in members, gradually became reduced in circumstances. This lady has for her maintenance only the rental of a small property, in an unimproving locality, which, though it defrays her ordinary

expenses, does not furnish any provision for future and unforeseen necessities. Being of a naturally independent character, she would gladly accept such a position as you mention, the income from which, properly husbanded, would place her above the contingencies of life. Her age I have already mentioned: her temper is excellent, and in manners and conversation she is sprightly and remarkably entertaining. She feels grateful for your proposal, and, whenever it may suit your convenience, will avail herself of your kind offer to introduce her to Mrs. Denton.

Wishing you all success in your charitable endeavors, I remain, as ever, Your sincere friend,

SARAH ASHBY.

To MRS. REBECCA WILLARD, No. — Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia.

Inquiry concerning the Character of a Governess.

BEAUFORT, S. C., Aug. 10, 18—.

MADAM. — Having occasion for the services of an accomplished governess, I inserted an advertisement in some of the Philadelphia journals, setting forth my want, etc. I have since received several applications, and, among the number, one from a young lady named Miss Clinton, who informs me that she has filled the position of governess in your family for the last three years. I shall esteem it a great favor if you will inform me what are her qualifications for teaching the modern languages, music, drawing, etc., and also whether she is good-tempered, yet firm, in her intercourse with her pupils. As I contemplate making an associate of any lady whom I introduce into my family, you will oblige me by stating whether Miss Clinton's manners are such as would make it prudent for me to enter into an engagement with her

I remain, dear Madam, Your obedient servant,

ALEXINA LOGAN.

To MRS SARAH FISHER, Belmont Park, Philada Co., Pa.

Favorable Reply.

BELMONT PARK, PHILAD. CO., PA., Aug. 16, 18—.

MADAM — Yesterday morning I received your polite letter of inquiry as to the qualifications, lady-like manners, etc., of Miss Clinton, who, during the past three years, has lived with my family in the capacity of governess. In replying to your several interrogatories, I shall do so in strict candor, and it gives me pleasure to remark that all the information I can furnish concerning Miss Clinton will be decidedly favorable.

Gifted by Nature with a high order of intellect, fruitful in expedients for conveying instruction, well read, and thoroughly versed in the grammatical construction of the English language, an excellent teacher of penmanship, and an adept in the science of numbers, she is also a very good French scholar, speaking the language fluently, and writing it with ease. In music and drawing she has but few superiors, and she teaches both branches with surprising facility. Her temper is excellent: her manner toward her pupils being firm but gentle, and calculated to command respect, as well as to enforce attention to her commands. I have always found her attentive to her duties, and in every respect a truly pleasant companion. Entertaining for Miss Clinton feelings of the highest esteem and respect, it will afford me much pleasure to learn that she has exchanged her home under my roof for one in the sunny South, and with a lady who seems qualified to properly appreciate her many virtues, as well as her brilliant attainments.

Believe me to be, Madam,

Your very obedient servant,

SARAH FISHER.

To MRS. ALEXINA LOGAN, Beaufort, S. C.

To the Governess, from the Lady seeking her Services.

BEAUFORT, S. C., Aug. 26, 18—.

MY DEAR MISS. — So very flattering to yourself is the result of my inquiries, that I unhesitatingly tender you the position in my household, about which we have been negotiating. Having full confidence in your ability and desire to promote the welfare of my children, I shall do all that in my power lies, to make your task agreeable, and to render your sojourn under our roof so pleasant, that you will consider yourself, what you will be, in fact, one of our family circle.

At your earliest convenience, please inform me when you will be prepared to enter upon your new duties, and I will at once make the arrangements necessary for your accommodation.

Believe me to be, dear Miss Clinton,

Yours, very truly,

ALEXINA LOGAN.

To MISS JANET CLINTON, No. — S. Fourth St., Phila., Pa.

Answer of the Governess.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Sept. 2, 18—.

DEAR MADAM. — That your good opinion of me has been confirmed by the kind verdict of Mrs. Fisher, is a source of much satisfaction; and, if convenient to yourself, I shall be in Beaufort, and ready to enter upon my duties, on the 20th inst.

Please consider me to be, dear Madam,

Your obedient servant,

JANET CLINTON.

To MRS. ALEXINA LOGAN, Beaufort, S. C.

Unfavorable Reply to Inquiries concerning a Governess.

BEECH GROVE, ANNE ARUNDEL CO., MD., Aug. 17, 18—.

MADAM.—In answer to your polite inquiries concerning the character and capabilities of Miss Brown, who resided in my family for some time as governess to my children, I regret to say that her temper and acquirements were not what I had been induced to expect. Her manners were extremely repulsive, and her treatment of the children, in private was

absolutely brutal; while, in the departments of music and French instruction, she was found to be lamentably deficient. Although very unpleasant to my feelings, I have said thus much only in obedience to a sense of duty, and a desire to acquit myself faithfully of a moral obligation.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

LOUISA HAUGHTON.

To MRS. ALEXINA LOGAN, Beaufort, S. C.

A Lady absent from Home, writing to her Housekeeper.

OCEAN HOUSE, NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 9, 18—.

MRS. SKINNER.—We have decided to return to the city on the 29th inst., that is, we will arrive at home on that day. Lose no time, therefore, in making the necessary preparations for our reception, and, in reply to inquiries, say that you fully expect to see us on the 29th. Should you require any further instructions, write to me before the 26th inst., as on the following day we start on our homeward journey. I am happy to inform you that we all enjoy good health, and have derived much benefit from the sea air, as well as from sea bathing.

Truly yours,

CAROLINE BEEBE.

To MRS. DEBORAH SKINNER, No. — Girard St., Phila.

To the Principal of a Boarding-School, from a Lady about to send her Daughters thither.

FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, March 6, 18—.

DEAR MADAM.—My friend, Mrs. Dodge, has so highly recommended your establishment, that I have determined to place my daughters under your charge. The elder of the two has already received a fair education, but the younger has had no other instruction than what I have been personally able to impart to her. In addition to the usual English education, I wish them to be taught French, German, and Italian, and also music, instrumental as well as vocal, drawing, painting, and dancing. The liberal character of your establishment renders unnecessary the suggestion of any plan for the treatment of my daughters, as I am certain you will supply them with all the comforts, and many of the conveniences, they can reasonably expect. As my numerous engagements prevent me from accompanying my daughters, I send them to you under good protection, in the fullest confidence that the young strangers will meet with an encouraging reception, and will be well cared for until the next vacation.

I remain, dear Madam,

Your very obedient servant,

EDITH ROGERS

To MRS. ———, Principal of the Female Seminary, Flushing, Long Island.

Asking the Loan of a Servant.

GIRARD ST., PHILA., Jan. 17, 18—.

DEAR MADAM. — My party to-morrow night will be more numerously attended than I had reason to expect, and, unless I can procure the loan of a servant from some one of my friends, I shall be at a loss for sufficient assistance. If you will kindly permit your waiter to aid my servants, I will be happy to oblige you in a similar manner, when the occasion presents itself.

Please consider me to be, dear Madam,

Ever faithfully yours,

EUPHEMIA STINSON.

To MRS ANNA MANNING, No. — Chestnut St., Phila.

A Mother's Proposal to a Milliner to receive her Daughter as an Apprentice.

BOND ST., NEW YORK, Jan. 7, 18—.

MADAM. — I have been informed that there exists in your establishment a vacancy for one apprentice; and as my daughter, now fourteen years of age, must necessarily depend

hereafter upon her own exertions for a support, I am anxious that she should learn the business of a milliner, for which she is well adapted, both by her taste and her ingenuity. If you will have the kindness to make me acquainted with the terms upon which you take apprentices, the average number of hours per day they are required to labor, and the length of time the apprenticeship continues, you will greatly oblige

Your obedient servant,

BETSEY COHEN.

To MADAM ERNESTINE DE URE, No. — Broadway, New York.

Soliciting a Subscription to a Charitable Institution.

CHESTNUT ST., PHILA., Jan. 3, 18—.

MADAM. — Several ladies, whose benevolent feelings have been interested in behalf of the —— Orphan Asylum, have determined upon raising a public subscription in aid of the funds of the institution, founded for the benefit of those destitute, but most deserving objects of charity. May I secure your interest in their favor? Be assured that your benevolence will be well applied. The funds of the charity are devoted to the board, lodging, washing, and general comfort of the recipients. I think I may rely upon adding your name to our list of benefactresses, and shall, therefore, look confidently for a favorable notice of this appeal to your charitable feelings.

Believe me to be, Madam, with sentiments of profound espect,

Your obedient servant,

CORDELIA WRIGHT.

To MRS. ANNABEL HUNT, No. — Arch St., Phila.

Request for a Subscription to a Soup Society.

WASHINGTON AVENUE, PHILA., Dec. 10, 18—.

MADAM. — The severity of the season, and the scarcity of employment, has occasioned much suffering among the poorer classes, whom a number of influential persons in this locality have undertaken to relieve, by originating the institution, of which we enclose a prospectus. Should you feel inclined to aid this charitable enterprise, the honor of your name to the appended list is most respectfully solicited by,

Madam,

Yours, most respectfully,

SUSAN FREEMAN.

MRS. ELLEN DOOLITTLE, No. — Federal St., Phila.

Negative Reply.

FEDERAL ST., PHILA., Dec. 11, 18—.

MADAM.—I regret that the demands upon my purse are already so pressing, that I have nothing but good wishes to offer. I think your undertaking a most commendable one, and would gladly lend my aid to its success, were it in my power so to do.

I remain, with great respect,

Yours, etc.,

ELLEN DOOLITTLE.

To MRS. SUSAN FREEMAN, No. — Washington Avenue, Philadelphia.

Request for aid in a Private Case of Distress.

WEST ST., PHILA., Jan. 16, 18—.

MADAM.—By the death of Mr. Peter Sharp, his widow is left entirely destitute, with a large family of young children. She is not only deprived of employment, but likewise of the very necessaries of life, at this most trying and inclement season of the year. Three of her children have been placed in an orphan asylum, and an attempt is being made to raise a small sum, with the view of establishing her in some business by which she can procure a subsistence.

My object in writing to you is to solicit your aid for this unfortunate lady, and I trust that you will not only excuse

this intrusion on your notice, but likewise honor me with the addition of your name to the enclosed list of subscribers.

I remain, Madam,

Your most obedient servant,

BLANCHE DUNBAR.

To MRS. ARABELLA EAGER, No. — Beech St., Phila.

Affirmative Reply.

BEECH ST., PHILA., Jan. 17, 18—.

MADAM. — To be able to assist a lady so well recommended as Mrs. Sharp, is a source of great pleasure to me, and I will cheerfully subscribe the sum of $10. If there should be need of any further assistance, I will consider it a favor if you will allow me an opportunity of again contributing.

With sentiments of respect, I am, Madam,

Your very humble servant,

ARABELLA EAGER.

To MRS BLANCHE DUNBAR, No. — West St., Phila.

Requesting a Friend to execute a Commission.

MANTUAVILLE, PHILA. Co., June 20, 18—.

MY DEAR ANNETTE.—Being confined to the house with a sprained ankle, I am under the necessity of asking you to purchase for me, at Evans & Co.'s, the following articles: (*Here enumerate the number of yards of silk, lace, etc. etc.*) Will you do me the favor also to call at McAllister & Bros.'s for my stereoscope, left there to be repaired? My servant, the bearer of this note, will stop at Evans's for the articles; and through him I shall be glad to receive a few lines from you, stating the condition of your health, etc. Call and see me as soon as you can, and give me an opportunity of thanking you for many kindnesses.

Your very sincere friend,

ALICE JACOBS.

To MISS ANNETTE TOMPKINS, No. — S. Eighteenth St., Philadelphia.

Requesting the aid of a Friend in procuring a House.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 3, 18—.

DEAR MRS. CLEMENS.—You are the only lady in Baltimore with whom I am on terms of sufficient intimacy to warrant me in asking the performance of a service, which I am aware may occasion some trouble. We are about making Baltimore our place of residence, and not wishing to enter a hotel or a boarding-house, we would much prefer renting a house in some desirable locality. Will you do us the favor to secure such a tenement as you think would suit our family, at a rent not exceeding $400 per annum? As we contemplate leaving here on the 25th inst., if nothing delays our movements, we will be in Baltimore on the 27th. If you can procure such a house as I speak of in advance of our arrival, you will greatly oblige

Your very sincere friend,

MARY SEBASTIAN.

To MRS. HENRIETTA CLEMENS, No. — Pratt St., Baltimore, Md.

Offer of Assistance in Distress.

MIDDLETOWN, CONN., Sept. 10, 18—.

DEAR MADAM.—I am truly grieved to learn that much of your available means has disappeared, through the failure of the —— Bank, and that the little you still have of the property left you by your late lamented husband, cannot be secured, unless considerable pecuniary assistance is afforded by your friends. I think it incumbent on me, not to attempt consolation by mere words, but, with the spirit and cheerfulness of a sincere friend, to offer you the loan of $500 for the period of twelve months, or as much longer as your affairs may require its use. By freely accepting this offer, you will confer a favor on

Your old and faithful friend,

NANCY SHERMAN.

To MRS SARAH ARCHER, Bridgeport, Conn.

A Milliner requesting Payment of an Account.

SECOND ST., PHILA., July 29, 18—.

MADAM.—Please excuse the liberty I take in directing your attention to my account, which, in compliance with your expressed wish, I sent you on the 1st inst. The speedy settlement of this small bill will, I assure you, relieve me from some present embarrassment. Meanwhile, I shall be happy to receive any new orders from you, and I flatter myself that I will be able to give them such attention as will meet your approbation.

I remain, Madam, Your very obedient servant,

HARRIET BOWEN.

To MRS. CYNTHIA GIBBLE, No. — Ridge Avenue, Phila.

A Country Milliner and Dressmaker to a Wholesale House in Philadelphia.

CAMDEN, S. C., May 8, 18—.

GENTLEMEN.—You will much oblige me by sending, per Adams's Express, the following goods: (*Here enumerate the articles*). Let them be of the best quality, and the silks and ribbons of the newest and most fashionable styles. As I am in immediate need of the above-mentioned goods, you will consult my convenience and interest by sending them, with the bill, as directed.

Your obedient servant,

ELIZA GWIN.

To MESSRS. SMART, EARNEST & Co., No. — Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.

A Country Milliner's Circular to her Customers.

CAMDEN, S. C., May 25, 18—.

MRS. ELIZA GWIN begs leave to inform her patronesses and friends, that she has just received from Philadelphia a choice assortment of the newest and most approved styles of fashionable goods in her line of business, and feeling confident of her ability to please all their various tastes, she ventures to invite their attention to her well-selected stock, in the hope of a renewal of their former favors.

A Lady commencing the Dry-Goods Business to a Wholesale House.

LANCASTER, PA., Feb. 21, 18—.

GENTLEMEN.—Having lately opened a dry-goods store, and being desirous of adding to my stock, I write to you at the instance of Messrs. Penny & Cash, with whom, I am informed, you have had extensive dealings, to propose opening an account with your house. In regard to my ability to meet my payments, I beg leave to refer you to Messrs. Penny & Cash. Should the information you may receive from them prove satisfactory, you will have the kindness to apprise me of the fact, when I will forward you an order for the goods I require.

I remain, gentlemen,

Your very obedient servant,

RACHEL LANIGAN.

To MESSRS. SHARP, DODGE & Co., No. — Bank St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The same Lady, on receipt of an Affirmative Reply.

LANCASTER, PA., Feb. 28, 18—.

GENTLEMEN.—Your favor of the 26th inst., received yesterday, has had my careful consideration, and I agree to the terms therein proposed. I shall, therefore, request you to forward the following invoice of goods: (*Here name the goods, and their quantities*). Of course you will not fail to send me the newest and most approved styles, and at the earliest moment possible. Prompt and careful attention will oblige Your obedient servant,

RACHEL LANIGAN.

To MESSRS. SHARP, DODGE & Co., No. — Bank St., Philadelphia, Pa.

VII. FROM FEMALES SEEKING EMPLOYMENT, AND IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS, WITH REPLIES.

Application for the Situation of Housekeeper.

Fetter Lane, Phila., Oct. 13, 18—.

Madam.— Learning, through a friend, that you are in need of the services of an experienced housekeeper, I beg leave to offer myself as a candidate for the situation. I lived in that capacity, for five years, in the family of Mrs. Hardtoplease, Main St., Germantown, to whom I would refer you for information in regard to my character, as well as my ability to perform the usual duties of such a position. I am a widow, without children, and forty-seven years of age.

I remain, Madam, with great respect,
Your most obedient servant,
Rebecca Carrol.

To Mrs. Esther Placid,
Park Place, Phila. Co

Application for the Situation of Cook.

JUNIPER ST., PHILA., Oct. 20, 18—.

MADAM. — An advertisement in one of the morning papers informs me that you are desirous of securing the services of a competent cook. As I flatter myself that I cannot fail to meet your requirements, I beg leave to refer you to Mrs Epicure, No. — Chestnut St., for testimonials as to my character, competency, etc.

With feelings of the greatest respect, Madam, I am
Your obedient servant,
EMILY BUNTING.

To MRS. MARTHA SHAW, No. — Walnut St., Phila.

Application for the Situation of Chambermaid.

FALLON ST., PHILA., Feb. 3, 18—.

MADAM — In one of this morning's penny papers, I observed an advertisement for a chambermaid, directing applicants to address you through Blood's Despatch Post. I think I will suit your want, as I am thoroughly conversant with all the duties, having filled the situation for several years in the family of Mrs. Tidy, No. — Logan Place, to whom I have liberty to refer for character, qualifications, etc. I am unmarried, twenty-six years of age, and enjoy very good health.

I remain, Madam,
Your obedient and faithful servant,
SUSAN BEDDINGTON.

To MRS MATILDA ESTIMABLE, No. — N. Fifteenth St.,
Philadelphia.

Application for the Situation of Lady's Maid.

MELON ST., PHILA., Nov. 30, 18—.

RESPECTED MISS. — A friend informs me that you require the services of a lady's maid, well acquainted with all matters connected with the toilet. In addition to the know-

ledge acquired from attendance on two ladies, at different periods during the last few years, I was for some time engaged in a hair-dressing and perfumery establishment, where I learned much that has since proved of service to the ladies whom I have had the honor to attend. For references as to character, abilities, etc., please apply to Miss Bury, Arch St., who has kindly allowed me to use her name.

Believe me to be, Miss,

Your very humble servant,

ABIGAIL JAMES.

To MISS MELISSA CHAPIN, No. — Logan Square, Phila.

A Seamstress requesting Employment.

EVANGELIST ST., PHILA., Sept. 10, 18—.

MADAM. — At the recommendation of one of my best customers, Mrs. Notable, I address you these few lines, and beg leave to inform you that I have had several years' experience in making up family linen, both for ladies and gentlemen, and have rarely failed to give entire satisfaction. Understanding that you are in need of the services of a female in my line of business, and being confident that I can do your work as well, if not better, than others can do it, I enclose a statement of my terms, and shall take it as a great favor if you will give my claims to merit a fair consideration. Should you decide to send me your work, a line directed to the above address, and forwarded through Blood's Despatch, will meet with prompt attention.

I am, Madam, Your most obedient servant,

JULIA CARPENTER.

To MRS. ISABELLA BATES, No. — Vine St., Phila.

A Tailoress seeking Employment.

LEMON ST., PHILA., Jan. 9, 18—.

MADAM. — I am informed by Mrs. Economy, for whose boys I have made clothing during the past four years, that you are desirous of securing the services of a person in my

line of business. If the ability to cut a suit so that it will fit well, and to make it in the most artistic manner, constitutes a recommendation to your notice, I am very certain that my work will give you entire satisfaction. Mrs. Economy has kindly authorized me to say that she will cheerfully furnish all necessary information in respect to the character of my work.

I am, Madam, Yours, very respectfully,

LETITIA BOWERS

To MRS. CLARA BULLION, No. — Spruce St., Phila.

Application for the Situation of Assistant Teacher in a Public School.

BLOCKLEY, PHILA. CO., PA., Sept. 20, 18—.

GENTLEMEN.—Having been informed that an assistant teacher is required to fill a vacancy in the ——— School, under your charge, I beg leave to offer myself as a candidate, and to enclose my testimonials. Should these be deemed sufficiently satisfactory to warrant you in conferring upon me the appointment I seek, I assure you that I will endeavor to discharge the duties faithfully, and to your entire satisfaction.

I remain, gentlemen,

Yours, very respectfully,

PHŒBE JOSLIN.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE TWENTY-FOURTH SECTION, Philadelphia.

From a Female at Service to Another in Place.

GIRARD ST., PHILA., March 10, 18—.

DEAR MARGARET.—As I have lately entered a new situation, you may wish to know how I like it, and how my employers treat me. Mr. and Mrs. ——— are very considerate and indulgent, the children give me but little trouble, and I am on the best terms with the cook, who is such an easy good soul, that she cannot say 'No' to anything I am in

excellent health, enjoy my usual good spirits, and can boast that I am more happy than very many girls in my circumstances.

When you meet Mary Lee, give her my compliments, and say that I shall be very happy to see both herself and her sister, when they can make it convenient to call. I will be very glad to hear from you soon, either in person or by letter

Your sincere friend,

LYDIA WHIDDEN.

To Miss MARGARET WRIGHT, No. — Main St., Germantown, Phila. Co., Pa.

From a Female at Service to her Mother.

FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, May 15, 18—.

DEAR MOTHER.—It is so long since I wrote to you, that I have no doubt you begin to feel uneasy about my silence; but you must excuse me, for I have been so very constantly employed during the day for the past few weeks, that, when night arrived, I did not feel in the humor for writing a letter; and Sunday afternoons being the only time allowed me for recreation, you would not, I am very certain, wish me to remain at home then, on any account.

In my present situation I find no cause for complaint—my duties, generally, not being beyond my strength and ability; while Mrs. ——'s housekeeping being on a liberal scale, the wants of all those employed are well provided for. Being so much in the house, I have seen but little of this great city, and can scarcely say whether I like it better than Newark; though, if anything can render the latter dearer to me than any other place, it is the presence there of yourself and my dear sisters, to whom I beg you will give my love.

With many prayers for your health and happiness, I remain, dear mother,

Your loving and dutiful daughter,

DEBORAH CLARK.

To Mrs. MIRIAM CLARK, Newark, N. J.

From a Female at Service to her Sister in Place.

CHARLES ST., BALTIMORE, MD., Nov. 23, 18—.

MY DEAR BETSEY.—Although long desirous of writing to you, I have never been able to find leisure until to-day, for my duties leave me but little spare time. I cannot say that Baltimore is as handsome a city as Philadelphia, but the people are very sociable and hospitable; and I enjoy considerable pleasure in the exchange of civilities with several nice young girls, living at service in the neighboring houses.

By a letter which I received from our dear mother, on the 15th inst., I was very much pleased to learn that all at home remained well. In your next letter give me a full account of everything of importance which has occurred lately, and do not omit to mention the condition of your own health.

With my best wishes for your health and happiness, believe me to remain

Your ever-affectionate sister,

LUCY LONG

To Miss BETSEY LONG, No. — Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia.

Answer of the Sister

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE, PHILA., Nov. 28, 18—.

DEAR SISTER LUCY.—Your very kind letter of the 23d was received the following day, and read with much interest. I am glad to find that you are comfortably fixed, and that you have discovered some pleasant and chatty young company, to relieve the dullness of a new place.

Like yourself, I have also found agreeable company; but mine is a very pleasant young gentleman, a house-carpenter, who comes to see me two or three times every week, and occasionally takes me to the theatre. I do not know how it is, but I must confess I feel very much at home in his company, and rather like him for his manly traits of character. You must not be surprised if you hear some of these days that your sister has changed her name, not because she does not like it, but because she likes *another* better.

Write to me frequently, and if you can always send me as satisfactory a letter as your last, you will not fail to delight

Your ever-loving sister,

BETSEY LONG.

To MISS LUCY LONG, No. — Charles St.,
Baltimore, Md.

From a Mother to her Daughter, at Service.

LARCH ST., PHILA., Nov. 14, 18—.

MY DEAR CHILD. — Your letter, giving an account of your arrival in Baltimore, and a description of your new place, was very gratifying to myself, your father, and sisters, who naturally feel an interest in your welfare. That you like your situation, my dear child; that you possess your health; and that you can write in such a happy and cheerful style, affords much pleasure to myself, as also to all who know you. Such are the results of a patient and faithful discharge of your duties; a perseverance in which course must, in the end, be rewarded by an increase of prosperity and happiness.

I am happy to inform you that we are all well, and that your father and sisters desire me to send you their best love.

I am, my dear child, as I ever have been,

Your truly affectionate mother,

BRIDGET LONG

To MISS LUCY LONG, No. — Charles St.,
Baltimore, Md.

PART II.

THE GENTLEMEN'S LETTER-WRITER.

I. FROM YOUTHS TO THEIR PARENTS, AND FROM FATHERS TO THEIR CHILDREN.

From a Lad at School to his Parents.

Seminary, Hartwick, N. Y.
March 5, 18—.

My Dear Parents.—*I have made such good progress in my studies, that I have not only been removed to a higher class in the school, but I have also secured the second prize for Latin translation. I sincerely hope that I may be able to keep up to the expectations you have formed of me; and if industry and attention will accomplish that object, I do not think you will be disappointed. My teacher, the Rev. Mr.* ——, *does all he can to advance me in my studies*

Please give my respects to all at home, and believe me to be, my dearest parents,

Your dutiful and affectionate son,

Albert Jacobs.

To Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Jacobs, Troy, N. Y

A Youth at School to his Parents, announcing Vacation.

WESLEYAN ACADEMY, WILBRAHAM, MASS., Dec. 8, 18—.

MY DEAR PARENTS.—On the 20th of December our vacation will commence, to continue until the 8th of January. I shall meet you all in good spirits, for I am in the enjoyment of excellent health, and look forward to my home visit as a source of real pleasure. During the last half year, my efforts to secure the approbation of my teachers have been crowned with such success, that I have been promoted to a higher class, and expect to take a premium at the next examination.

Please tell sister Sarah that I have drawn a very pretty cottage scene, which I design to present to her for her portfolio, as I think she will acknowledge that it is worthy of a place in her choice collection.

With my kindest love to all my dear relatives and friends I am, my well-beloved parents,

Your very dutiful son,
CLARENCE BELL

To MR. and MRS. ADAM BELL, Boston, Mass.

A Youth at School, thanking his Parents for Presents.

HOLLAND ACADEMY, HOLLAND, MICH., April 23, 18—.

MY DEAR PARENTS.—You can better imagine, than I can describe, my delight on receiving the very handsome presents which you sent me. I do not know which most to admire—the beautiful globe from papa, or the complete assortment of materials for coloring and drawing, which form my mother's gift. For these tokens of your kind remembrance, I have only my simple thanks to offer in return, but they are the outgushings of a heart that pulsates with feelings of warm affection for the authors of its being.

The accompanying letter was read with mingled feelings of delight and satisfaction, as it informed me that all I love were well and happy. Let me here renew my promise, to do all in my power to merit a continuance of your kindnesses, and to retain the approbation of my indulgent parents.

My love to my dear brothers and sisters, and my respects to all my young friends. Adieu for the present, and believe me yet to be, as ever,

Your obliged and most affectionate son,
HARVEY LASCELLES.

To MR. and MRS. JEROME LASCELLES, Detroit, Mich.

A Youth in the City to his Parents in the Country.

THIRD ST., PHILA., PA., May 7, 18—.

MY DEAR PARENTS.—Your letter of the 3d inst. was received in due season, and perused with care. I am truly grateful for the advice given me, and shall endeavor to profit by it. I must also express my delight in learning that all at home are enjoying health and happiness.

My employer, Mr. Ledger, exhibits a kind interest in my welfare; and, in return, I endeavor to please him by strict attention to business. Sufficient liberty is allowed me, to prevent the confinement, to which I have hitherto been unaccustomed, from becoming irksome; and the very few acquaintances I have formed as yet, are unexceptionable in character. I will be allowed two weeks, during the latter part of next month, for the purpose of recreation, when I shall return home, and pass the time in the company of those I love.

Trusting to find you all in good health when I visit the home of my boyhood, I must now bid you adieu. Please give my love to my brothers, and accept for yourselves, my dear parents, the dutiful regards of

Your truly affectionate son,
RUFUS PINKNEY.

To MR. and MRS. IRA PINKNEY, Chambersburg,
Franklin Co., Pa.

A little Boy at School, to his Father.

WYOMING SEMINARY, KINGSTON, PA., Oct. 6, 18—.

DEAR PAPA.—I write to inform you that I have arrived safely at school, where I have been received very kindly by

Mr. Teachem, and also by the scholars, among whom I have already found several agreeable playmates. I shall endeavor to study diligently, as you desired me to do, and by my good conduct please yourself and mamma.

Please give my love to mamma and my dear sister, and believe me to be, my well-beloved father,

Your affectionate and obedient son,

CHARLES BENNETT.

To FRANKLIN BENNETT, Esq., Hollidaysburg, Pa.

A Lad at School to his Mother.

WEST CAROLINA MALE ACADEMY, MT. PLEASANT, N. C., NOV. 3, 18—.

MY DEAR MAMMA.—I am deeply indebted to you for your kind and valuable advice, which I shall endeavor to follow, and thus retain the good opinion of yourself, papa, and my truly excellent tutor. At present I am working hard, with the hope of advancing to a higher class before the close of the year. My school-fellows are very agreeable and well-disposed boys, with whom I enjoy myself almost as well as if I were at home; yet I must say, that I look for the approaching vacation with no small anxiety, as I will then, in the society of my dear papa, mamma, and sisters, enjoy the celebration of the Christmas festivities in the old-fashioned manner.

Please give my love to papa and my sisters, from whom I desire to receive letters as often as they have the leisure to write. As for yourself, dear mamma, I know you do not need urging—you will never forget

Your very affectionate and grateful son,

OLIVER BROOKS.

To MRS. ALICE BROOKS, Raleigh, N. C.

A Youth at College to his Father, requesting him to send certain Books.

SPRINGHILL COLLEGE, SPRINGHILL, ALA., May 2, 18—.

DEAR PAPA.—I am very sensible of the many favors you have bestowed upon me, and the best evidence I can

offer of my appreciation of your kindnesses, is the progress I am making in my studies. I have received the books you sent, and all my leisure has been devoted to a careful perusal of "Butler's Ethical Discourses." It is truly a valuable work, and I shall profit by its teachings.

I have commenced the study of Greek, in connection with my Latin lessons, and I now write to ask, if you will be so kind as to send me a copy of the interlinear translation of "Xenophon's Anabasis," edited by Clark, and also a copy of "Homer's Iliad," by the same author? I have received so much assistance in my Latin studies from the use of the interlinear translations of Virgil, Horace, Cicero, and Sallust, that I do not doubt the Greek books will be equally serviceable.

Pray accept my thanks for the very liberal supply of pocket-money sent me last week, and, believe me, it shall not be misapplied. Please give my most dutiful respects to my mother, my kindest love to my brothers and sisters, and accept for yourself the warmest expressions of attachment from

Your most dutiful and affectionate son,

ROBERT CARR.

To MR. LLOYD CARR, Huntsville, Ala.

A Lad at Boarding-School to his Father, requesting permission to learn French.

JONESVILLE ACADEMY, JONESVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 9, 18—.

DEAR PAPA.—As I have now acquired a very thorough knowledge of the English language, I am anxious to study French also. There being here several youths of French parentage, who speak the language with remarkable fluency, their society will be of great advantage to me in learning to speak and pronounce it properly. Should you be so kind as to grant me this favor, I flatter myself that my progress will merit your approbation.

I remain, dear papa,

Your dutiful and affectionate son,

FREDERICK BONSALL

To MR. CALVIN BONSALL, Esq., Albany, N. Y.

Favorable Answer of the Father.

HUDSON ST., ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 12, 18—.

DEAR FREDERICK.—I am exceedingly pleased to learn that you have such a good opportunity of becoming a proficient in the French language. As your mamma and I are conversant with the language, we shall expect you to speak it when with us, and also that you will, as soon as possible, use it in your letters. It is unnecessary for me to give you any directions, as, doubtless, your worthy and discreet tutor, to whom I have written on the subject, will do everything in his power to forward your improvement.

Your mamma sends you her kind love, and you have the best wishes of Your affectionate papa,

CALVIN BONSALL.

To MASTER FREDERICK BONSALL, Jonesville Academy, Jonesville, N. Y.

A Young Collegian to his Father, claiming a reward of additional Pocket-Money.

HOWARD COLLEGE, MARION, ALA., Nov. 12, 18—.

DEAR FATHER.—The last time I had the pleasure of seeing you, which was during the summer vacation, you kindly promised to furnish me with an increased allowance of pocket-money, when I finished reading the Fourth Book of Virgil's Æneid. It affords me much gratification to be able to inform you that I completed the assigned task on last Tuesday, to the entire satisfaction of my tutor.

You must not suppose that eagerness to obtain the promised reward was the sole incentive to industry. The anticipation of your promised bounty, it is true, gave me pleasure, and urged me to renewed efforts; but I must say, that the desire to please my very indulgent father, had greater weight with me than the prospect of pecuniary recompense

Have the goodness to present my dutiful respects to my dearly-loved mother, and believe me to remain, honored sir,

Your obedient and truly affectionate son,

JARED WILSON.

To HIRAM WILSON, Esq., Tuscumbia, Ala.

From a Father to his Son, at School.

GIRARD ST., PHILA., PA., Sept. 30, 18—.

MY DEAR EDWIN.—You must not murmur at being sent to a school so distant from your own home; as, in selecting your present location, I have preferred your advantage to my pleasure, and sacrificed fondness to duty. Obedience is your first and most imperative duty, and a proper discharge of that duty will form a safe conduct through this life, and prepare the way for your happiness in the life to come.

It is impossible for me, at present, to give you any instructions in regard to your school connections; but this much I can say—neither quarrel with your companions, nor meddle with the disputes of others, unless with the purpose of making peace. I have nothing more to add, except an expressed hope that your own endeavors may second the views of your parents.

Your mamma sends you her best love, and your little sister desires me not to omit a mention of her kind wishes for your welfare.

I remain Your affectionate father,

ELISHA BACKUS.

To MASTER EDWIN BACKUS, Brown University, Providence, R. I.

A Father to his Son, some time at College.

CHARLES ST., BALTIMORE, MD., Nov. 19, 18—.

DEAR EUGENE.—My long silence must not lead you to infer that I had forgotten you; but I delayed writing, with the hope of being able to furnish you some interesting intelligence. However, nothing of any particular moment has transpired, and I have only to say, that your mother, myself, and all the family, are in the enjoyment of our usual good health. We have had the usual complement of accidents, suicides, murders, etc., throughout the city; but, as I know you take no interest in such matters, I forbear filling my sheet with their details.

In your next letter I would be glad to have a minute statement of your progress in your various studies; not that I apprehend any want of diligence and attention on your part, but merely to satisfy my own curiosity. If you should need any new books, do not hesitate to ask for them, and I will send them to you at once.

With the best wishes of myself and your dear mother for your health and happiness, believe me to remain

Your ever-affectionate father,

PAUL ASKEW.

To MASTER EUGENE ASKEW, Villa Nova College,
Delaware Co., Pa.

Another Letter from a Father to his Son at School.

GIRARD ST., PHILA., PA., NOV. 27, 18—.

MY DEAR EDWIN.—Herewith you will find a remittance of pocket-money, which I send as an evidence of my gratification at your improvement, and of my disposition to encourage you in diligent attention to your studies. Always bear in mind this fact, that upon proper study in early life depends much of the future prosperity or adversity of every individual. Preparation for a dishonorable old age is made by wasting the precious hours of youth — poverty follows in the train of ignorance, and degradation is the accompaniment of both. By steady industry, a judicious care of your health, and submission to those who have the right to advise, you may hope to ripen into a respectable and useful member of society. Your mother unites in hearty wishes that you may go on as you have begun, and that your entire life may prove a credit to yourself, and a comfort to us.

With my best respects to your preceptor, believe me to be

Your affectionate father,

ELISHA BACKUS

To MASTER EDWIN BACKUS, Brown University,
Providence, R. I.

A Young Man at College to his Father, on the approach of the Summer Vacation.

MERCER COLLEGE, PENFIELD, GA., JULE 20, 18—.

DEAR FATHER.—In a few days I shall have an opportunity of returning to Savannah, and renewing all those pleasing associations which have been interrupted by my absence at school. However, the separation has been productive of agreeable results, as otherwise I should not experience the lively joy that now thrills my heart, in view of our approaching reunion. I flatter myself that my improvement in knowledge will fully equal your wishes, and that you will have no occasion to tax me with negligence. At the approaching commencement, I shall receive prizes for proficiency in Greek and Latin, and I have been selected to deliver an address, which I am now engaged in preparing.

My health of late has in a measure suffered from too close attention to my studies, and neglect of proper exercise. By the advice of the college physician, who is averse to the use of medicine, and a great advocate of fresh air and good living, I now rise every morning at four o'clock, and ride four or five miles on horseback before breakfast. I have been practising this course for two weeks with great apparent benefit, and I incline to the opinion that perseverance in it will relieve me of all unpleasant symptoms, and restore to me my former robust health.

Hoping soon to meet all my dear relatives, I now bid you adieu, with the request that you will please present my loving regards to mamma, and my brothers and sisters, and that you will still continue to regard me as

Your very dutiful son,

HORACE RIPLEY.

To MR. JOSEPH RIPLEY, Savannah, Ga.

II. FROM YOUNG GENTLEMEN TO BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND OTHERS ABOUT THEIR OWN AGE.

A Brother to his Sister at School.

Boston, Mass., April 23, 18—

My Dear Sister.—*Mamma is very much displeased, on account of your negligence. We have not received a letter from you within the last three weeks, and, consequently, we are deprived of the satisfaction of knowing how one, who is so dear to us all, enjoys her position and the society in which she is placed. When you write to mamma, do not proffer idle excuses, but either adduce a sufficient reason for not writing sooner, or candidly confess your neglect, and promise amendment.*

Your truly affectionate brother,

Jasper Seaver,

To Miss Grace Seaver, St. Mary's Hall
Green Bank, Burlington, N. J.

A Youth at School to his Sister at Home.

VILLA NOVA COLLEGE, DELAWARE CO., PA., May 7, 18—.

MY DEAR AUGUSTA.—I am inexpressibly sorry that I have given you so much reason to complain of my neglect; but, rest assured that, though I have not been attentive to my duties as a correspondent, my affections are not in any manner changed, and that I still cherish the same brotherly love for yourself. You will pardon me, I know, when I state that my time has been much occupied in reading, and with some very interesting chemical experiments, which required my constant attention. In a few weeks the holidays will commence, when you will both see more of, and hear more from me than, I think, your usually equable temper can bear with. Till then, believe me, I remain

Your truly affectionate brother,

BENJAMIN WHITING.

To MISS AUGUSTA WHITING, No. — Camp St.,
New Orleans, La.

An Elder to a Younger Brother, at College.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 9, 18—.

DEAR EDWARD.—I am truly happy to learn that you like your school, and that your companions are lads of agreeable manners. Cultivate amicable relations with them, and endeavor, by good conduct, diligence, and attention to your studies, to win the favorable opinion of your tutors. You are now entering upon the seed-time of life, and as you sow shall you reap in after-years. Observe for yourself the difference between a well-informed old man, and one who in his youth totally neglected his education. In the evening of life the former finds a perpetual source of amusement in the knowledge he acquired in his early days, and his company is eagerly sought by those who would derive instruction from his conversation; but the ignorant old man is neither company for himself, nor for any one else. Excuse this plain but well-meant advice, which is given by one who feels a deep interest in your happiness and advancement in life.

We are all very well, and papa, mamma, and Fanny send their love to you. Write as often as you may have an opportunity; and rest assured that a letter from yourself will always give great satisfaction to your parents, and to

Your most affectionate brother,

HORACE WINTERS

To MASTER EDWARD WINTERS, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.

A Youth at College to his Brother at Home.

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE, GETTYSBURG, PA., March 9, 18—

DEAR WILLIAM. — I frequently wish that the views of our parents had permitted us to pursue our studies together at one institution — it would have been so agreeable to have at my side a kind brother, to whom I could relate all my joys and sorrows, and from whom I could receive consolation in trouble, and advice when needed. But it is of no use to murmur at that which cannot be remedied; probably our parents had good reasons for their course, which we will in after-life be able to appreciate. At present, however, I long for the coming of the holidays, that I may meet you again, and in your company revisit our old haunts, and call upon all our friends; talk over old stories, and compare notes on our more recent adventures. If such a thing is possible, I feel more attachment for you than I did before our separation; and, notwithstanding the difference of our destinations in life, I have no idea of pleasure, or hope of advantage, in which I do not wish you a joint partaker with

Your affectionate brother,

LOUIS TOMLINSON.

To MASTER WILLIAM TOMLINSON, Brown University, Providence, R. I.

A Brother in the Country, to his Sister in Philadelphia.

MT. HOLLY, BURLINGTON CO., N. J., June 7, 18—.

MY DEAR AURELIA. — I am anxious to learn how you are at present situated, and what are your prospects for the

future. You have been nearly three years in Philadelphia, with Mrs. H. ——, and I think you should now have sufficient knowledge of the business to be able to establish it on your own account, with the little pecuniary assistance which I would gladly furnish. If you have formed any plans for the future, let me know what they are, and I will, as far as possible, aid you with advice and means.

If, during the summer, you can spare a few weeks from the cares of business, and will be our guest, your aunt, who unites with me in the expression of a kind regard for yourself, will endeavor to make your sojourn agreeable. Expecting to hear from you soon, I remain, my dear sister,

Your truly affectionate brother,

LUKE STRANGE.

To MISS AURELIA STRANGE, care of Mrs. H. ——, No. — Chestnut St., Phila.

A Brother to his Sister in another State.

BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 19, 18—.

MY DEAR SISTER. — The last letter we received from you was too brief to be satisfactory. We were anxious to learn more about your journey, and what were your first impressions of Bloomington. The distance which now separates us has invested all that concerns yourself and Anna with a peculiar interest, and our anxiety on the subject of your welfare can be allayed only by a full and particular recital.

As for ourselves, but little change has taken place since your departure: the health of our dear parents remains much the same, as does also that of most of our relatives and connections. James has formed a business connection with a very steady young man named Colton, and they have opened a dry-goods store, in a good location, with every prospect of success. I have lately been more than ordinarily fortunate in business, and, should nothing unforeseen occur, I will be able to retire with a competence in the course of a few years. Give my love to sister Anna and her husband, and say to them that I hope to visit Bloomington during the coming summer

All the family join with me in wishing yourself, Anna and her husband, health and happiness.

I remain, my dear sister,

Your very affectionate brother,

GILBERT HAINES.

To MISS MARIAMNE HAINES, Bloomington, McLean Co., Ill.

A Youth to a former Schoolmate.

READING, BERKS CO., PA., Aug. 9, 18—.

DEAR ADOLPHUS.—You may be curious to learn how far my happiness has been increased by emancipation from the discipline of school; but I can assure you that little addition is made to our stock of pleasure by the change. We used at times to express dissatisfaction with the routine of duties we were obliged to perform, and the tiresome confinement to which we were obliged to submit; and we were wont to express impatience at the slow approach of that period when we should be freed from the rule of a pedagogue, and be allowed to launch out into the world as our own masters. Our anticipations, however, cannot be realized — as other duties are substituted for those of the school, and a certain degree of unavoidable confinement, though it may be termed voluntary, must still be submitted to, either in accordance with the rules of a family, or with the established routine of any business in which we are engaged. Therefore, I cannot say that I am happier now than I was at school, and I frequently sigh for the society of some of my former merry-hearted companions, with whom I played cricket, and contended for the mastery in skating-matches.

Pray, write me a letter soon, giving a full account of the most entertaining events, and a statement of the changes which have occurred at Franklin College since my departure Give my best respects to Prof. ——, and remember me kindly to my old schoolfellows. Believe me to be, dear Adolphus,

Your sincere friend,

RUFUS HERBERT.

To MASTER ADOLPHUS PEALE, Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio.

A Youth to an Afflicted Young Friend.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Feb. 23, 18—.

MY DEAR PHILIP.—I feel most sensibly the loss you have sustained in the death of a good and indulgent father; for I know how great was your affection for him, and I can realize your inconsolable grief, now that he has been removed to another world. I am informed that you have not shed a tear, but preserve a gloomy silence, and inwardly cherish that anguish which is gnawing at your heart. This I do not like, and I would much rather the fountains of your eyes were loosed; for tears ease the heart, and open a passage for the sorrows of the soul. That you may be strengthened to bear with patience this great trial, is the fervent prayer of

Your sincere and sympathizing friend,

EUSTACE FINDLAY.

To MASTER PHILIP WELDON, Chester, Delaware Co., Pa.

Answer of the Friend.

CHESTER, PA., Feb. 25, 18—

MY DEAR EUSTACE.—Your letter has done that which nothing else could effect — it has aroused me from the deep and melancholy gloom which overwhelmed me—it has forced from my eyes a flood of tears, and taken from my heart a load of misery. I feel that I am wicked in thus repining at my hard fate, and questioning the wisdom of Him, to whose will, my father always told me, we should ever submit without a murmur. Poor mamma is almost distracted; and, as my grief aggravates hers, I am forced to conceal it, and thus increase a burthen, which might be lessened greatly by mutual sympathy.

My dear Eustace, I am deeply indebted to you for the kind interest you take in my welfare, and an early visit from you will greatly oblige Yours, truly,

PHILIP WELDON

To MASTER EUSTACE FINDLAY, Wilmington, Del.

A Youth to a Companion, recovering from Sickness.

CONGRESS ST., PHILA., Sept. 13, 18—.

DEAR FREDERICK. — I am rejoiced to learn that you are rapidly recovering your health, and as soon as your physician thinks it safe to admit visitors, I will call and see you. Twenty times a day did I make inquiry about your health, for, had you died, I should have felt the loss most terribly. It has pleased God, however, to preserve you, and I will gladly avail myself of the first opportunity to tell you how valuable your life is to

Your affectionate friend and companion,
SYDNEY GALE.

TO MASTER FREDERICK HENRY, No. — Monroe St., Phila.

Answer of the Friend.

MONROE ST., PHILA., Sept. 14, 18—.

DEAR SYDNEY. — Your very obliging letter, in which your concern on my account is stated, is a fresh proof of your friendship and esteem. Thanks to Divine Providence, a careful nurse, and a skilful physician, I am now convalescent; and my late illness has taught me some just and salutary lessons, beside rendering me more thankful for the blessings of health, and its attendant enjoyments.

Yours, most affectionately,
FREDERICK HENRY.

TO MASTER SYDNEY GALE, No. — Congress St., Phila.

III. FROM YOUNG GENTLEMEN TO PERSONS OF MATURE AGE, AND FROM SUCH PERSONS TO YOUNG GENTLEMEN, ON GENERAL SUBJECTS.

An Uncle reproving his Nephew's Irregularities.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 3, 18—.

My Dear Nephew.—I have lately been informed that you keep bad company, as well as late hours, and give great trouble to your master, by infringing the rules of his family. Expostulation is met by bold and pert answers, and, instead of endeavoring to amend, you repeat the offence. Such conduct as this, my dear Caleb, will not only cause you to be regarded with disfavor by your master, but result in your final and irremediable ruin. I now warn you to amend your conduct, or you will secure the lasting displeasure of

Your now affectionate uncle,
Adam Schultz.

To Master Caleb Schultz,
No. — Market St., Phila.

From Father to Son, in regard to his Conversation.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 15, 18—.

DEAR CHARLES.—I have always thought you were not deficient in sense, and, though confident I have not been deceived, yet I am not blind to your faults, prominent among which, is a full share of that self-sufficiency too common among young men of the present age. The art of rendering yourself agreeable in conversation, is worthy of serious study. Few can boast of possession, though all lay claim to it—excellence being only acquired by a careful correction of those faults, which a strict watch over his own conversation will alone enable the individual to detect. When rightly managed, conversation will admit every member of the company to a share in the pleasure it affords. A man's taciturnity is no proof of lack of conversational power; for, he may speak very fluently about subjects with which he has a thorough acquaintance, yet maintain strict silence when others are broached of which he knows but little. By adapting your conversation to the tastes of the parties with whom you associate, you can seldom fail to prove entertaining; and to the neglect of this precaution are owing many of the yawning hours spent in companies composed of men not qualified for conversation. These are general hints; but, by a due improvement of them, you will find your conversation gradually become more agreeable to your auditors. You have already an easy and becoming freedom of manner; and, by adding thereto a little more discretion and complaisance, you will probably succeed in securing the good opinion of men of sense and judgment, together with the approval of

Your affectionate father,
GILBERT EASTMAN.

To MR. CHARLES EASTMAN, Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

A Young Man soliciting the Advice and Assistance of his Uncle.

PHILADELPHIA, April 7, 18—.

MY DEAR UNCLE.—The kind encouragement which you have always heretofore given to every appeal I have deemed necessary to make to you for advice, induces the present application. During the last five years I have, as you know, been left to my own guidance, and by strict economy have saved a few hundred dollars, which I designed investing in business Mr. Leatherby, who has for nearly a fourth of a century profitably carried on the business of boot and shoe-making, is bout to retire from the field, and has given me the refusal f his stock and fixtures, which he values at $3000. The um at my present command is only $900; but Mr. L. offers to take security for the payment of the balance, with interest, in two years from the day of sale. Such being the state of the case, I would be glad to know whether you consider the offer advantageous; and if you do, may I then hope that you will become my security for the payment of that portion of the money which I cannot now procure? I do not doubt my ability to pay it within the prescribed time. An answer at your earliest convenience will be esteemed a favor by, dear uncle,

Your affectionate nephew,
ROBERT CALDWELL.

To MR. TIMOTHY CALDWELL, Reading, Pa.

A Young Man, whose Education has been neglected, to an old Friend.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20, 18—.

RESPECTED SIR.—Since my appointment to the office of clerk in the Auditors' Department, through your kind influence, my present imperfect education has occasioned me o slight anxiety. You are already conversant with the circumstances which rendered my early means of instruction very limited, and I now feel that it is incumbent upon me to remedy existing deficiencies. Though now enjoying an income sufficiently large to support me in a respectable manner, I feel unhappy in the consciousness of my lack of that general knowledge which fits a man for the society amidst which he moves. May I solicit your advice as to the best course of reading and study likely to remedy the evil? I have not only

the desire, but the will, to learn; and I feel confident that your knowledge of the world, as well as of what is required of every man in this enlightened age, admirably qualify you to give such advice as will not fail to profit me greatly.

Trusting that I do not offend by again troubling a gentleman to whom I am already so largely indebted for kindnesses received, believe me to be, sir,

Your obliged and humble servant,

ROLAND HEILIG.

To SYLVANUS HUBBARD, Esq., Charleston, S. C.

To a Young Gentleman at College, by his former Preceptor.

NEW YORK, May 27, 18—.

MY DEAR THOMAS.—I have known you for a long time, and I feel assured you will receive counsel from an older head, who, whatever his advice may be worth, gives it in a kindly and straightforward spirit.

The advantages and temptations of a college career are so interwoven with each other, that it is frequently difficult to separate them; and the talents which have thus far aided you in progress, may become a serious cause of mischief, if you do not exercise a rigid control over their application and direction. Knowing, as I do, your innate goodness of heart, I cannot harbor the thought that you will ever permit success to change your character, which is above the commission of any act of a mean or flippant nature.

As, amidst the bustle and confusion of every-day life, we are but too apt to forget our duty to the All-powerful Being who has bestowed upon us a share of His gifts, and upon whom our very life depends, let me exhort you not to lose sight of that life for which our present existence should be but a preparation; nor, in looking forward to worldly success, omit to recognize the necessity of securing a portion in the regions above. Allow me to venture a hope, my dear Thomas, that, esteeming goodness preferable to greatness, you will study the cultivation of the soul together with the

intellect, and that, eschewing a presumptuous reliance on your own abilities, you will seek from above the strength of purpose necessary in a contest with the evils of this world.

Hoping that you may achieve honorable success, and enjoy the full measure of happiness which will be the result of your efforts, I remain

Your old preceptor, and sincere friend,

REUPEN STACKPOLE.

To MR. THOMAS ROWAN, Yale College,
New Haven, Conn.

Answer of the Young Gentleman to his former Preceptor.

YALE COLLEGE, NEW HAVEN, CONN., June 1, 18—

RESPECTED SIR.—Your letter of the 27th ult. was duly received, and perused with attention; for I was highly pleased with the interest taken in my welfare by such an old and well-tried friend. I can assure you that your former conversation and example have exercised sufficient influence over my conduct since my advent in this place, to enable me to resist some of its numerous temptations, and they have caused me to direct my thoughts to higher duties than those which are the result of ambitious yearnings. My associates here are of that class who esteem talent only in proportion as it is controlled by a conscientious regard for the proprieties of life —a strict attention to the ethical code being deemed a prerequisite to the attainment of high social position.

If success may be taken as a criterion of merit, I am progressing very satisfactorily in my studies. At the approaching commencement I take rank in the first class, and I hope in the course of a year to be created an LL. D. The principal of our college, Dr. ——, has been remarkably kind in his attentions; and, as my preceptors are unsparing in their endeavors to push me forward, I have altogether much to be thankful for. But, believe me, no success can make me forget that I owe it all to the efforts of my old friend, and kind tutor in early days.

Sincerely wishing you health, happiness, and a long continuance of your useful career, I beg leave, my dear sir, to subscribe myself

Your affectionate pupil and fast friend,
THOMAS ROWAN.

MR. REUBEN STACKPOLE, No. — Prince St., New York.

A Young Man in California to his Friend in Philadelphia.

STOCKTON, CAL., April 3, 18—.

MY DEAR JOSEPH.—We are not doing as well here as we could have done at home, and I would advise every one who can get remunerating work in your city, to stay there. Here the labor market is overstocked, and large numbers of mechanics in every department are idle. You may say, Why do not the unemployed go the mines, where fortunes may be had for the labor of gathering? Such, however, is not the case; gold is not so easily found; its collection by the process of washing is a work of great physical toil; and to mine it requires a capital in machinery which few have at command. Add to these difficulties the rough life which a miner is forced to lead, as also the questionable characters with whom one is obliged to associate, and the prospect of acquiring a fortune in this way has not many inducements for a man of refined character. At present I am endeavoring to establish a sheep-farm, from which, if successful, I hope to realize a competence in a few years. General agriculture, which was remarkably profitable during the first few years after the discovery of gold in this region, does not at present pay any larger interest than on the Atlantic seaboard; and if you are still determined to come out, I caution you not to embark your means in farming.

With the hope that I may be permitted to see you in the course of the ensuing year, I remain, dear Joseph,

Ever truly and sincerely yours,
MATTHEW JORDAN.

To MR. JOSEPH BRADLEY, No. — Catharine St., Phila., Pa.

A Young Man in New Mexico to his Uncle in Maryland.

SANTA FÉ, NEW MEXICO, June 10, 18—.

MY DEAR UNCLE.—I arrived here on the 8th inst., and write thus early to acquaint you with the fact, and relieve any uneasiness you may feel on my account. My health and spirits are excellent, and when I become more conversant with the Spanish language, I hope to find many agreeable companions among the native inhabitants, although the majority of them are very depraved.

As you may probably desire to learn something about this town, I will give you a brief description of it. Located upon a plateau at a height of 7000 feet above the sea, it is but a short distance from the base of a snow-capped mountain, which towers above the town to the height of 5000 feet. The houses, principally built of dark-colored, unburnt brick, usually form a square, with a court within, upon which nearly all the apartments open from the street. The town is well supplied with cool water, from fountains above, near the mountain side, and being led through the streets, by means of small canals, this water serves to irrigate the gardens and fields below the town for several miles. Though it is the great emporium of the overland trade, the appearance of Santa Fé is, on the whole, very uninviting.

I shall write to you once every week, during my stay here, and give you an account of all events of importance which may occur, together with descriptions of any objects of interest coming within the scope of my observation. May I hope to hear from you as frequently? It would be very gratifying to receive news every few days from those I love, and seemingly to annihilate distance by a constant interchange of communications.

With sentiments of the highest respect and esteem, believe me to remain, my dear uncle,

Your truly affectionate nephew,
EUSTACE DE BOLLIA.

To FRANÇOIS DE BOLLIA, ESQ., No. — Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

IV. FROM MEN TO OTHERS, ON GENERAL SUBJECTS.

Invitation to join a Picnic Party.

Vine St., June 11, 18–

Dear Sir.—Will you do us the favor to make one of a small party to visit Schuylkill Heights on the 18th inst.? If you have not entered into any engagement for that day, and feel disposed to accompany us, a coach will stop at your door about 6 A.M. of the 18th. Mrs. Trainor presents her compliments, and desires me to mention that herself and family have assumed the task of providing the "creature comforts" for the occasion, trusting that their exertions will be duly appreciated.

Believe me to be, my dear sir,

Yours, truly,

Stephen Trainor

To Mr. Albert Lane,
No. – Green St., Phila.

A Bachelor inviting another to a Picnic Party.

Branch St., Aug. 15, 18—.

My Dear Lucius.—Mrs. Jovial has commissioned me to secure your agreeable company for a picnic party to the romantic banks of the Wissahickon, on next Thursday. You will be expected to bring your violin, as Signor —— has signified his intention to be present, with a brace of musical amateurs. Pray do not forget that next Thursday is the appointed time; until when, I remain, as ever,

Your friend,
Gilbert Hardy.

To Mr. Lucius Ritter, No. — Second St., Phila.

Invitation to join a Water Party.

Wallace St., July 23, 18—.

Dear Alphonso.—Eight of our club, beside myself, are going up to the Falls of Schuylkill in our barge, on Monday evening next. As you are a jolly fellow, and an excellent steersman, I hope you will give us the benefit of your company and your services. Indeed, we will take no excuse We will start from Fairmount landing at 8 P. M., take supper at Evans's, and return about 12 o'clock. Do not fail to be in attendance at the proper time.

Truly yours,
Walter Vaughan.

To Mr. Alphonso Baugh, No. — N. Twentieth St.,
Philadelphia.

Invitation to a jovial Bachelor Party.

Cherry St., Jan. 21, 18—.

My Dear Lloyd.—Half-a-dozen good fellows, together with your humble servant, purpose devoting a few hours on Wednesday evening to a little social chit-chat, etc., enlivened by the imbibition of sundry bottles of wine. I trust you will be present on that occasion, as, for some time past, we have not enjoyed the "feast of reason and flow of soul" in

each other's company. Believe me, we shall have a right merry party. Ever your friend,

EUGENE VATTIER.

To MR. LLOYD EDWARDS, No. — Summer St., Phila.

Invitation to a Dinner-Party.

To MR. SIMEON GREY, Washington Square

Mr. Ellis presents his compliments to Mr. Grey, and requests the pleasure of his company at dinner on Tuesday next, at 4 P. M. An early reply will oblige.

WALNUT STREET, Friday morning.

Declining the Invitation.

To MR. CYRUS ELLIS, Walnut Street.

Mr. Grey presents his compliments to Mr. Ellis, and begs leave to say that he regrets his inability to be present on Tuesday next, as a previous engagement will debar him from enjoying the pleasure of Mr. Ellis's company on that day.

WASHINGTON SQUARE, Friday evening.

Acceptance of the Invitation.

To MR. CYRUS ELLIS, Walnut Street.

Mr. Grey presents his compliments to Mr. Ellis, and with great pleasure accepts his invitation for Tuesday next.

WASHINGTON SQUARE, Saturday morning.

Invitation to join an old Friend in a Private Dinner.

LOGAN SQUARE, Dec. 12, 18—.

MY DEAR ARTHUR.—On Thursday next, my old friend, Dr. Lawton, is coming to take a chop with me, and I hope you will join us. Dinner will be on the table at 3 P. M. I know your dislike to large parties, and hope you will be satisfied with the company of the Dr. and myself.

Believe me to be Yours, truly,

BENJAMIN HUTCHINSON.

To MR. ARTHUR GRAHAM, No. — Vine St., Phila.

Soliciting the Loan of a Book.

CHESTNUT ST., Sept. 17, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — During my last visit at your house, you were pleased to call my attention to a book, entitled "The Mirror of Nature," which I remember to have been a work of so much interest, that I feel inclined to peruse it. If you will do me the favor to lend it to me for a few days, I will take great care of it, and return it to your possession as soon as I have made myself acquainted with its contents.

I am, sir. Your obedient servant,

PAUL HOOPER.

To LEMUEL WHITING, ESQ., No. — Sansom St., Phila.

Affirmative Reply.

SANSOM ST., Sept. 17, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — You are welcome to the volume you express a desire to read, and I send it herewith by the hands of my servant. I must ask you, however, to return it to me before the 1st of October, as on that day I shall have occasion for its use.

Believe me to be, dear sir,

Yours, very truly,

LEMUEL WHITING.

To PAUL HOOPER, ESQ., No. — Chestnut St., Phila.

Negative Reply.

SANSOM ST., Sept. 17, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — Unfortunately, I have lent the book you ask for, but, if it should be returned within a reasonable time, it will be immediately sent to you. Regretting my inability to meet your requirements, I remain, my dear sir,

Sincerely yours,

LEMUEL WHITING.

To PAUL HOOPER, ESQ., No. — Chestnut St., Phila.

On returning a borrowed Book.

CHESTNUT ST., Oct. 1, 18—.

MY DEAR SIR.—Please find herewith the book you so kindly lent me, and with it accept my best thanks for your courtesy. I have been much gratified by a perusal of the work, which is both entertaining and instructive; and if at any time your favor can be reciprocated, it will give me great pleasure to do so.

I am, sir,

Your truly obliged friend,
PAUL HOOPER.

TO LEMUEL WHITING, ESQ., No. — Sansom St., Phila.

A Gentleman absent from Home, to his Wife.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 10, 18—.

MY DEAR KATE.—Our temporary separation has caused me to feel sensibly how necessary your company is to my happiness. Though busily engaged during the day in the settlement of the affairs which called me from home, I miss your cheering presence, and my evenings are particularly lonesome. Be assured that I shall despatch my business here as rapidly as possible, and make but little delay at Richmond; for you cannot guess my impatience to be again seated in my own house, with my dear wife at my side. Remember me with the tenderest affection to our dear children, who alone share my thoughts with yourself — ever the nearest and dearest to the heart of

Your truly affectionate husband,
PHILIP LELAND.

TO MRS. KATE LELAND, No. — Coates St., Phila.

A Gentleman to his Brother, resident in another State.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Aug. 19, 18—.

MY DEAR SAMUEL.—It is a long time since you favored us with an account of the condition and health of yourself and family. Absence does not tend to diminish my affection

for you, and therefore do I feel a lively interest in everything relating to your welfare and happiness.

On Thursday morning last, Mrs. T. presented us with an addition to our family circle — a fine chubby boy, which we have named "Samuel," in honor of his scapegrace uncle. I am happy to inform you that Hester is convalescent, and that the miniature image of his pappy is possessed of a good pair of lungs, which he takes great delight in exercising at all hours of the day and night. The little rascal occasionally deprives me of some hours' sleep, which, most astonishing to relate, I take in good part, and fondle the young tyrant as though he were doing me good service, instead of positive injury. I wonder if all fathers are like myself!

I am anxious to receive a letter from you, no matter how short it may be; and I do not doubt that you will avail yourself of the earliest leisure moment to relieve my impatience.

I remain, as ever,

Your sincerely affectionate brother,
NATHAN THOMPSON.

TO MR. SAMUEL THOMPSON, Kaskaskia, Randolph Co., Ill.

From a Gentleman in Texas to his Friend in Philadelphia.

LAVACCA, TEXAS, Sept. 9, 18—.

MY RESPECTED FRIEND. — I am exceedingly gratified at being able to inform you that myself, Mrs. Elton, and our two boys arrived safely here, and are now under good shelter, which was at first somewhat difficult to procure. We have had much to contend with, and a great deal of uphill work to do, but we hope that brighter prospects are now dawning, and that we shall very soon find ourselves in a state of comparative comfort.

Wages are high, and employment plentiful, at least among the class of mechanics connected with the building interest. Most articles of food can be procured at reasonable prices, and the best beef may be bought for five or six cents per pound. Grazing is followed in this State to a greater extent

than in any other of our Union, and it is no uncommon circumstance for one man to own from 10,000 to 30,000 head of cattle.

The summer heats are much mitigated by refreshing breezes from the Gulf of Mexico, which blow steadily during that season; but in November the north winds set in, and sweep over the plains during December and January. The soil is generally very fertile, and cotton is largely grown throughout the State, while, of Indian corn, two crops are raised each year. The other productions are wheat, rye, oats, buckwheat, some sugar, remarkably fine tobacco, indigo, rice, flax, and hemp. The fruits of the North grow here in great perfection, while the tropical fruits fully equal those of Mexico and the West Indies.

As my letter has already become too long, I must defer further descriptions, until another occasion, and close with the expression of my own and Mrs. Elton's regards for yourself and all our old friends in Pennsylvania, to each of whom we wish better days and brighter prospects.

I remain, my dear old friend,

Yours, truly and sincerely,

NORMAN ELTON.

To Mr. GREGORY NIXON, No. — Duke St., Phila.

From a Farmer to his Son in Philadelphia.

RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DEL. CO., PA., April 25, 18—.

MY DEAR SON. — Agreeably to your request, I write a few lines; though I have but little to communicate, apart from the usual occurrences around a farm-house, of which you already know enough. The crops have a fine appearance, and will yield well, if no drought interferes to spoil our calculations. Our old horse, Jerry, died yesterday. The other live stock, including your favorite pigeons, are doing well; but, as we have lately missed several chickens and ducks, I am inclined to think they have become the prey of

a mink or a fox. I shall set traps, and endeavor to secure the depredator.

I hope you are doing well with your provision store. Be careful not to lay in more stock than you can sell off in two or three days, as in these times a man must be prepared to take advantage of every change in the markets, otherwise he cannot make much money.

Your mother and the rest of the family send you their very kind loves, and wish you every success, as does also

Your affectionate father,

NATHAN CLIFFORD.

To MR. JASON CLIFFORD, No. — Callowhill St., Phila.

A Gentleman Condoling with a Friend on the Death of one of his Family.

PENSACOLA, FLA., June 13, 18—.

MY DEAR ARTEMAS. — I do not write in obedience to a formal custom, but to acquit myself of a duty which is incumbent upon every good Christian, and every true friend— to comfort those who mourn. If your grief had ceased to have any influence on your mind, I would be the last to recall it to your remembrance; but its recent occurrence, and my knowledge of your peculiar sensibility to depressing influences, lead me to believe that it still continues to weigh upon your spirits, and to embitter your existence. Do not indulge in vain repinings, which can have no other effect than to increase existing mental irritation, but turn your thoughts into other channels, and seek from religion that consolation which man is powerless to afford.

Accept my condolence in your late heavy affliction, and believe me to entertain for your sorrow the truest sympathy. I should rejoice to see you here in the full enjoyment of your usual good spirits; but, being aware that the grief which now oppresses you, must have its sway for a time, I cannot promise myself the pleasure of such an interview until the light of hope again breaks upon your mind. If you suffi-

ciently compose your mind to write me a few lines, they will meet with a grateful and very welcome reception from

Your sincere and sympathizing friend,

EDMUND BISHOP.

To MR. ARTEMAS WALKER, Tallahassee, Fla.

Answer to a Letter of Condolence.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., June 17, 18—

MY DEAR EDMUND. — Your letter was truly a solace to my grief, and it convinced me that at least one person, who calls himself a friend, can sympathize with me in my afflictions. Regarding my late visitation as proceeding from the inscrutable ways of Providence, which afflicts mankind in accordance with an unerring wisdom, I endeavor to bear it with Christian fortitude, resigning myself to the will of that mysterious power, and endeavoring to combat the weakness of human nature. But that is an effort of no easy accomplishment; for difficult indeed is it to shut out remembrance, and to banish from one's mind the ever-recurring image of a beloved object. Time alone can assuage my grief, which must have its due course.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your condolence, and my most sincere wishes for your welfare, and also the happiness of all in whom your own is centred.

I remain, Your truly grateful friend,

ARTEMAS WALKER.

To MR. EDMUND BISHOP, Pensacola, Fla.

A Gentleman sympathizing with a Cousin, in his Illness.

PINE ST., PHILA., February 19, 18—.

MY DEAR NORTON. — Intelligence of your illness has just reached me, and my heart sympathizes so much with your sufferings, that it cannot brook delay, but urges me to an expression of the deep sorrow I feel for your afflictions. Pray Heaven they may be only temporary; and I have every reason to hope they may, from the nature of your malady

your youth, and the native vigor of your constitution. I will make frequent inquiries relative to your progress toward convalescence, which may even prove wearisome to your attendants; but being keenly sensible of the sufferings which you endure, thus only can I relieve the anxiety of my mind. I cannot express to you the joy I shall feel when returning health and renewed strength will permit you to write a few lines to, Your sincerely affectionate cousin,

JASON LATHAM.

To MR. NORTON LATHAM, No. — N. Twelfth St., Philadelphia.

Reply of the Gentleman.

TWELFTH ST., PHILA., Feb. 23, 18—.

DEAR JASON.—Your very kind letter was read by your aunt, at my bedside, when a slight relapse prevented me from perusing it myself; and its sympathizing tone, as well as its cheering words, were truly refreshing to my weary spirit, which was fast losing tone under the operation of accumulated physical trials. I have suffered terribly during the past two weeks, and at times have been entirely bereft of my reason; but, thanks to a beneficent Providence, and the unremitting attentions of dear friends, as well as of a skilful physician, I am now convalescent. Still, I cannot think of my recent affliction without shuddering at the view of the danger escaped, and the imminence of the peril in which my life was more than once placed. Truly was the sword of the destroyer suspended over my head by a single hair, the severance of which would have sealed my fate.

Many thanks for the deep interest you have evinced in my welfare, and the trouble you have taken to make daily inquiries regarding my physical improvement. That you may never undergo the ordeal I have just passed through, is the sincere wish of Your affectionate cousin,

NORTON LATHAM.

To MR. JASON LATHAM, No. — Pine St., Phila.

V. FROM MEN TO OTHER PERSONS ON COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE.

A Gentleman proposing to pay his Addresses to a Lady.

Lombard St., Phila.
March 3, 18—.

My Dear Miss.—I have been so delighted with your society when it has been our fortune to meet in company, that I feel emboldened to address you in the character of a suitor I am aware that I cannot assume such a position without the consent of your parents; but should I receive from your fair hands an encouraging reply to this letter, I shall at once communicate with your respected father on the subject of my hopes and wishes. That you may give my proposal a favorable consideration is the earnest prayer of

Your devoted and sincere admirer,
Charles Burnham.

To Miss Clara Liston,
No. — S. Fifth St., Phila.

A Gentleman to a Lady, after meeting at a Party, asking permission to pay his Addresses.

SARGEANT ST., PHILA., Jan. 27, 18—.

MY DEAR MISS. — I must crave your pardon for the somewhat bold address I am about to make, trusting that its apparent presumption may be excused by the consideration that my feelings are deeply enlisted in its success. The marked attentions paid you at Mrs. ——'s party could not, I flatter myself, have failed to attract your notice, nor have been wholly disagreeable to yourself. Cherishing this pleasing belief, I am encouraged to crave the privilege of being permitted to improve my acquaintance with a lady for whom I entertain so high an esteem.

The company in which we met will, I trust, be considered a sufficient guarantee of my character and position, to warrant me in looking forward to an early renewal of the happy hours spent in your company. Your kind permission once granted, I shall lose no time in seeking, for my addresses the sanction of your parents; but I do not feel at liberty to take such a step, until well assured that it will be agreeable to your wishes.

May I entreat the favor of an early reply? which, dear Miss Haughton, will be anxiously awaited by

Your truly faithful and devoted admirer,
THEODORE SCHIVELEY.

To MISS AGNES HAUGHTON, No. — Race St., Phila.

A Gentleman's Proposal to a Lady with whom he is on intimate Terms.

CARONDELET ST., ST. LOUIS, May 3, 18—.

DEAR MISS EMILY. — My frequent visits at the house of your parents, where I have so long been a welcome guest, have given me many opportunities for observing the amiability and kindness which characterize your intercourse with others in private life; and so much have I been impressed with your worth and sterling sense, that my hopes of future

happiness have been imperceptibly associated with the possibility of yourself being a participant in them. This is no outbreak of fitful passion, my dear Miss Emily, but the result of mature judgment, and a long, as well as careful, study of your disposition. My love is founded upon esteem, the only true basis for a permanent attachment; and I am confident that your own discrimination will lead you to a proper appreciation of my motives for thus addressing you.

What I would now ask is within the scope of your ability to grant, without prejudice to yourself. I implore you to consult your own heart, and answer me truly whether there be any foundation for the hopes which I have fondly cherished. If I have not been mistaken in the supposition that my love has been discerned by yourself in advance of my acknowledgment, and that it has found favor in your sight, will you grant me permission to inform your parents of what has passed between us, and ask their approval of my suit?

Believe me to be, dear Miss Emily,

Your sincere friend, and expectant lover,

SYDNEY BLANCHARD.

To MISS EMILY OGDEN, No. — Marion St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

The Gentleman's acknowledgment of a Favorable Answer.

CARONDELET ST., ST. LOUIS, May 5, 18—.

DEAREST EMILY.—Your note, received last evening, filled my soul with inexpressible delight, and was read again and again, before I could assure myself of the reality of my happiness — that I am now entitled to consider you as the life-long companion, whose felicity it will be the grand aim of my endeavors to secure. The candid and gentle confession of your love, which had seemed too great a bliss to hope for, has removed a weight from my mind that oppressed it beyond description. This evening, when the toils of business release me from their grasp, I will hasten to your presence, and make a feeble attempt to express my feelings of

thankfulness and delight at finding my flattering hopes have not deceived me, and that the only heart which I prize in this wide world beats responsive to my own.

Dearest Emily, I may now subscribe myself

Your devoted and happy lover,

SYDNEY BLANCHARD.

To MISS EMILY OGDEN, No. — Marion St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

An Impulsive Gentleman avowing his Passion for a Lady.

SWAN ST., BUFFALO, Dec. 5, 18—

DEAR MISS.—Since I had the pleasure of being in your company, love, doubt, distraction, and a thousand other indescribable feelings, have harassed my mind; and yet I have from day to day deferred penning this confession, in the vain hope that time would restore me to such a degree of ease and calmness, that I could express my sentiments of esteem and love without doing violence to your own sense of propriety. Unable to resist any longer the tide of passion which overwhelms me, I have determined to lay open before you the sufferings of my heart, and to beseech you to restore to me the peace and happiness which were once mine. My dear Miss Cora, you alone are the occasion of my present unhappiness, and to you alone can I look for relief from the wretchedness which is now crushing my soul to earth. The fervid passion for your sweet self that fills my soul can only be allayed by the declaration of a corresponding love.

Dare I look for such a declaration as my presumption has induced me to solicit? Can I really hope for encouragement from one who so far surpasses me in every quality of head and heart—whose mind is purity embodied, and whose form is the perfection of beauty? If you do not now entertain for me such feelings as will permit you to respond to my impassioned addresses, at least do not discourage me from cherishing a hope that time may effect a change in your senti

ments; and that pity for my sufferings may induce you to regard with favor the addresses of

Your despondent, but devoted servant,

ALEXIS HERON.

To Miss CORA DALE, No — Terrace St., Buffalo, N.Y.

A more modest Gentleman, to the Lady whom he admires.

FAYETTE ST., GEORGETOWN, D. C., April 9, 18—.

DEAR MISS.—Those only who have suffered can appreciate the feeling of hesitation which attends the formation of a resolution to declare the sentiments of affection. Each of those good qualities in yourself which claim my admiration, increases my diffidence. I am tremblingly sensible of the risk encountered in making a declaration of the passion I have long cherished, before my affectionate attentions may have made the desired impression on your mind.

I need say nothing of my family and connections, which are well known to you, further than to express a hope that, if this declaration of my affection for yourself is not reciprocated, my rashness may not incur the displeasure of your family, whose good opinion I value highly, or of your own sweet self, whom I desire above all things to pleasure.

Please consider me to be, my dear Miss,

Your affectionate admirer and sincere friend,

SILAS HODGE

To Miss FRANCES MOUNT, No. — G St., Washington, D. C.

A Gentleman to a Lady of Fortune whom he admires.

MOTT ST., NEW YORK, June 30, 18—.

DEAR MISS.—I would do violence to my own inclinations, and great injustice to your merits, were I longer to conceal those sentiments of esteem and affection which you have inspired within my breast. Dread of censure for my presumption has restrained me thus far from making known my aspirations to the hand of a lady whom beauty, wit, and

fortune, have raised so high above my reasonable expectations.

You can judge for yourself from my past conduct of the sincerity of my present avowal. Being above deceit, I have never, at any period of our acquaintance, claimed to be other than a man of limited means, but blessed by nature with some talent, which my inclinations prompt me to put to the best use. In fact, my dear Miss Augusta, were our circumstances reversed, I should scarcely consider myself to be doing a generous action, by overlooking the consideration of wealth, and making you an unreserved offer of my hand and fortune. I will await your reply in a state of the utmost impatience, relying on your humanity not to keep me long in suspense.

I remain, dear Miss,

Your very humble admirer,

LAWRENCE DASHALL.

To Miss AUGUSTA FOOTE, No. — Prince St., New York.

A Widower tendering his Addresses to a Widow.

SHARP ST., BALTIMORE, January 10, 18—.

DEAR MADAM.—Influenced by the conviction that I am not, in your estimation, entirely an object of indifference, and feeling for you, my dear madam, a warmth of friendship, akin to a passion of the most tender nature, I have at last decided to make you an humble proffer of my addresses. Having now passed the hey-day of youth, and, as I hope, attained maturity in keeping with my years, this resolution is, therefore, the result of a deliberate consideration of the subject, which has forced upon me the conviction that mutual happiness would be the result of our union.

We have both experienced the pleasures of wedlock, together with its attendant pains—but what worldly enjoyments, let me ask, are entirely free from drawbacks? Nevertheless, dear Madam, my observation has taught me that the former

so far outnumber the latter, that I shall consider myself supremely happy if allowed again to enter the hallowed state. If your own views coincide with those here expressed, may I hope to be allowed to present myself as an acknowledged suitor for your hand? An early reply will be looked for with some impatience by, dear Madam,

Your devoted admirer,
SOLOMON FUDGE.

To Mrs. RACHEL NORTH, No. — Centre St., Baltimore, Md.

A Gentleman to his Betrothed, proposing a day for the Nuptials.

SYCAMORE ST., CINCINNATI, April 7, 18—.

MY DEAR MAUD.—Will you allow me to make a suggestion in regard to a matter which concerns our mutual happiness? We have now been betrothed several weeks, and, for various reasons, our marriage has been deferred from time to time; but, as all the existing difficulties have been removed, I desire, with the consent of yourself and your parents, to name Wednesday next, as the day on which our happiness shall be finally consummated.

I promise myself the pleasure of your society to-morrow evening, when we can give the matter a thorough consideration. Hoping that the day mentioned may suit the convenience of yourself and parents, and that I may soon claim the privilege of signing myself your affectionate husband, believe me to be

Your ardent and impatient lover,
IGNATIUS GUYON.

To Miss MAUD STOKELEY, No. — Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Proposal from a Gentleman to a Companion of his youthful years.

QUINCY ST., WHEELING, VA., June 17, 18—.

MY DEAR ESTHER. — Woman though you now are, I can only think of you as the little joyous "Esther," in whose

company so many happy days of my childhood were passed To the little Esther of old, am I going to make a confession, at which the Esther of the present must not be frightened. To make quick work of a long story, years agone I loved you, and that love has strengthened with time, until now it can only be satisfied by possession of your sweet self. Judging from your manner to me when we casually met last spring, you will not be offended at my proposal; though I am very certain that it is unexpected; and in imagination I see the surprised, half-frightened, yet delighted, expression with which you read this letter.

Seriously speaking, however, Time has done much for both of us — you are now all that can be desired by man as the object of his love and trust; and I have been enabled to provide a home for one who has ever been dear to me, and whose image has ever been present in my mind.

My dear Esther, consider well before giving me your answer, whether the girlish affection which was my delight in boyhood has ripened into the deep and holy love due from a wife to the husband of her choice. I do not wish to hasten your decision, being presumptuous enough to think that I already know what will be its nature. I will be with you on the 15th of next month, when I hope to be assured of the fact that early loves are permanent in their character.

Dearest Esther, I pray you to regard your former playmate as Your now ardent lover,
LOUIS MARSH.

To Miss ESTHER CRANE, No. — Main St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

To a Lady, with a Present, from a Gentleman who is paying his Addresses.

CALVERT ST., BALTIMORE, February 21, 18—.

MY DEAR CATHERINE. — Herewith you will find a trifling token of my friendship and affection, intended to convince you that your remembrance is ever present with me. I take great pleasure in devising means for giving you

delight; although the joy thus excited may be only temporary, and produced by the present of a mere trifle such as this. Let me entreat your acceptance of the accompanying bracelet, which I beg you will wear for my sake; and anything you may have to say on this subject, pray reserve until we next meet, when it will be listened to with pleasure by, my dearest Catherine, Your sincere admirer,

CLEMENT SANDERSON.

To MISS CATHERINE MORDAUNT, No. — Madison St., Baltimore, Md.

To a Lady, with the Miniature of her Suitor.

MT. VERNON ST., PHILA., September 25, 18—.

MY DEAR ELLEN. — Having frequently desired to possess a miniature portrait which, in your absence, would serve to recall your features to my memory; and being sensible of your warm attachment for myself, it occurred to me that you may have formed the same wish in regard to your humble servant, whose homely countenance has found favor in your eyes. Acting upon this supposition, I have had my portrait taken in miniature, and send it herewith, in the hope that you will not only consider it as a fresh proof of my affection, but also preserve it for my sake. Have the kindness to receive with it renewed assurances of the unalterable attachment of, my dear Ellen,

Your devoted lover,

EDWARD BENSON.

To MISS ELLEN KELLER, No. — Wallace St., Phila.

The Same, on receipt of the Lady's Miniature.

MT. VERNON ST., PHILA., November 1, 18—.

DEAREST ELLEN. — Many thanks for the miniature resemblance of those features, which I can never contemplate without delight. It is indeed a valuable gift, and, in my estimation, far more precious than the most costly jewels Rest assured I shall preserve it with jealous care, as a most

valued treasure; and, as the miser gloats over his hoarded gold, so shall I gaze on this priceless memento of my well beloved. Adieu, my dearest Ellen, and believe me to be,

Your truly devoted lover,

EDWARD BENSON.

To MISS ELLEN KELLER, No. — Wallace St., Phila.

A Gentleman absent from Home, to the Lady to whom he is betrothed.

BOSTON, MASS., March 11, 18—.

DEAREST MADELINE. — The only consolation I have in my forced exile from your presence, is the pleasure of being able to express, with my pen, the increasing strength of my affection for your dear self. Fortunately, my affairs here will soon be satisfactorily settled, when I will return, on the swift wings of love, to bask in the sunshine of your sweet countenance, and to indulge my imagination with pictures of the happiness which your placid and amiable disposition will shed around our future home! Eagerly do I devour with my eyes every line which bears evidence of your blissful affection, and in my memory cherish with gratitude every loving expression which flows from your pen.

Dearest Madeline, I pray Heaven to bless you, and to preserve fresh in your mind the remembrance of

Your ever-affectionate

WALTER BEAUFORT.

To MISS MADELINE JOLIET, No. — Logan Square, Philadelphia, Pa.

A Young Man in California to his Betrothed in Albany, N. Y.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 13, 18—.

DEAREST ELIZABETH. — You have, doubtless received letters from me lately, describing my situation here, and stating the projects that I had under consideration. In one of those letters, allusion is made to a speculation in land in the neighborhood of this place, with the remark that, if it were successful, I should be able to make good my promise, and

claim you as the partner of my joys and sorrows for life My most sanguine expectations have been more than realized, and in the next steamer which leaves San Francisco, I will embark for the homeward voyage.

Herewith you will receive a draft on the Bank of America, in New York, for $500, of which I pray you to make use in providing such articles as may be necessary to replenish your wardrobe, in anticipation of our speedy marriage, after my return home. Pray present your dear mother with my affectionate regards, and say that I can never forget, now that I have the power, that it is my duty to assist and cherish her declining years. I also send some few trinkets, made of California gold, which you will please present on my behalf to your sisters, as tokens of my brotherly regard; for such I now consider my relation toward them, though it has not been ratified by legal forms.

With my kindest respects to all, and trusting that I may soon be permitted to embrace my dearest Elizabeth, I remain

Your truly affectionate

WILLIAM STANLEY.

To MISS ELIZABETH STROUD, No. — Pearl St.,
Albany, N. Y.

A Gentleman, complaining of a Lady's coolness.

JOSEPHINE ST., NEW ORLEANS, May 7, 18—.

DEAR MARGUERITE. — The change in your behavior toward me — from the kindness of an attached friend to the cool indifference of a distant acquaintance — indicates but too plainly that, by some means, I have had the misfortune to excite your displeasure; though how, or when, I cannot imagine. Recently, I have several times attempted to seek an explanation; but, in every instance, my courage failed me at the critical moment, and my voice refused to obey the behests of my spirit. As a last resort, entrusting to my pen the duty which my lips should have performed, I now write to you, to ask wherein I have offended one so truly esteemed. Whatever may be your reply, rest assured that my feelings toward

yourself cannot be changed, and that your beloved image will ever be enshrined in the breast of

Your affectionate friend,

THEODORE DESPLAT.

To MISS MARGUERITE FONTAINE, No. — St. Cloud St.,
New Orleans.

Complaint of a Gentleman, that his Betrothed neglects to write him Letters.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 6, 18—.

MY DEAR JEANNETTE.—Three weeks have I been here, and in that time I have not received a line from your hand. What can be the cause? I ask myself day after day, as the mail arrives without bringing me the coveted letter. Imagine, if you can, my painful state of anxiety, lest illness should have prostrated my beloved; and, I will truly confess, that occasional twinges of jealousy have manifested themselves, lest some more favored suitor were undermining the affections of my dear girl. But calm consideration quickly consigned my jealous forebodings to merited oblivion; for well do I know that your innate goodness of heart will prevent you from trifling with the feelings of any person, but more especially with those of one for whom you have avowed such a decided preference.

Trusting that you will take in good part what I have written, and in future send me long letters at least three times each week, I beg leave to subscribe myself

Your affectionate, but ill-used,

ROLAND NEWCOME.

To MISS JEANNETTE BURTON, No. — Poydras St.,
New Orleans.

A jealous Lover to his Lady.

CONGRESS ST., BROOKLYN, Jan. 11, 18—.

MY DEAR LAURA.—I write to you more in sorrow than in anger, to say that your conduct last evening not only surprised, but actually vexed me at the time. The attentions

paid to you by Mr. Charles Dietrich were received in a manner only equalled by your studied neglect of myself. Jealousy is not my ruling passion — nor would I wish to be unreasonable, and prevent the girl of my choice from participating in the pleasures to be derived from intercourse with good society; yet there is a limit even in this matter, beyond which prudence will not allow a lady to pass who has already plighted her affections.

My peace of mind would be forever destroyed if I thought that my hold upon your affection had been in any way forfeited; and, therefore, do I now beseech you, dear Laura, to write me a letter, containing an assurance of your continued regard for

Your deeply grieved
JEROME BRAZIER.

To MISS LAURA MORGAN, No. — Jay St., Brooklyn.

To a Lady, explaining an apparent Slight.

VINE ST., PHILA., March 8, 18—.

DEAREST CLARA.—How could you consider me capable of inflicting a slight upon yourself, in whom are centred all my hopes of happiness? Nothing more than ordinary courtesy was intended by my attentions to Miss Rudge, with whose father I have long been on terms of intimacy. This circumstance, together with the fact that she was a comparative stranger to the Lesters, induced me to pay her those attentions which have occasioned you so much anxiety, but which otherwise I would not have considered myself justified in tendering.

My affection for yourself is of the most abiding character, and I sincerely regret that anything should have occurred to originate in your mind a doubt of my sincerity.

I remain, my dear Clara,

Your truly affectionate
STEPHEN RANTOUL.

To MISS CLARA TILGHMAN, No. — N. Fifteenth St.,
Philadelphia.

A Gentleman desirous of Discontinuing his Addresses.

CARROLL ST., ST. LOUIS, Nov. 18, 18—.

DEAR MARIA.—I never felt so much anguish in wringing from my soul a painful declaration, as now experienced in declaring to you that I must forego all hopes of our future union. Do not ask why, for my answer could only inflict on the hearts of both an additional pang; but be assured it is no hasty resolve — the reasons for it have been deliberately weighed, and I consider it to be essential alike to our mutual happiness and our mutual prosperity. Those letters from yourself in my possession, I will dispose of as you may direct; but I entreat you to grant me the privilege of retaining one of the number, as a memorial of the past.

With this simple request, receive my sorrowful but affectionate adieu, and if, in after-life, you should ever need a friend, believe me, I will be glad of the opportunity to serve one whom I loved dearly, but whom fate decreed should not be mine.

Sincerely yours,
MAURICE HEILIG.

To MISS MARIA VANARSDALE, No. — Decatur St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

A Gentleman to his Betrothed, on her Birth-day.

NORTH ST., BUFFALO, October 13, 18—

MY DEAR AURELIA. — Nineteen years ago to-day, occurred an event of great importance to myself — for that event laid the foundation of my happiness in this world. On that day you, my dearly beloved, first saw the light; and I cannot express my gratitude to Divine Providence, which has, year after year, developed simultaneously the perfections of your body and the graces of your soul. I am sometimes disposed to question my own claim to so much happiness, as I behold the companion of my youthful pains and pleasures expanding into the lovely woman, who is destined to share both with me in my journey through life.

May I beg your acceptance of the enclosed portrait, the

original of which is so permanently stamped on your heart, as to render unnecessary any counterfeit reminder of him. It is, however, the most appropriate present I can offer to my dearly beloved Aurelia on this, the brightest of all days to ourselves.

May every succeeding year see an increase in you of all that is lovely in physical and intellectual organization, and may our married life be as serenely happy as has been the season of our courtship! With these good wishes I bid you adieu, begging you to ever cherish me in your heart as,

Your affectionate future husband,

RICHARD CONNELLY.

To MISS AURELIA SHERMAN, No. — Niagara St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

To a Son, on the occasion of his Marriage.

BALTIMORE, MD., July 14, 18—.

MY DEAR JOSEPH. — Allow me to be among the first to congratulate you upon your change of condition. You are already aware that you have my good wishes for your future happiness, but I take pleasure in again giving them expression. Your kind mother not only seconds my good wishes heartily and sincerely, but she also desires me to give you this assurance, and to say to you, that she unites with me in affectionate regards to our new daughter-in-law. That your married life may be blessed with the domestic happiness which has been my lot, is the sincere wish of

Your truly affectionate father,

NATHAN ARCHER.

To MR. JOSEPH ARCHER, Richmond, Va.

To a Daughter in regard to her preference for a Suitor.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 13, 18—.

MY DEAR JULIET. — I would have preferred delaying my answer to the letter addressed to me by Mr. Carlton, on your and his behalf, until after my return home; but, as I

may be detained here longer than anticipated, I do not desire to keep you in suspense, and therefore reply by mail.

My greatest solicitude has been to settle my children comfortably, and to see that they make a prudent choice of partners for life; and it gives me great pleasure to say that their conduct has ever displayed that dutiful affection, which has made their present happiness and future welfare my constant study. My observations in regard to Mr. Carlton's character and standing, have induced the belief that there is scarcely one amongst my acquaintance who, in point of worldly position, integrity, gentlemanly conduct, prudence, and evenness of temper, is more likely to make a woman happy: I can, therefore, truly say that, though I shall sensibly feel the loss of your dear company, yet I cannot but approve your choice, and you have my hearty consent to Mr. C.'s visits in the character of a suitor.

Give my best respects to Mr. Carlton, and my love to your dear mother and sisters, and for yourself accept the blessing of

Your truly affectionate father,

GILBERT REDFIELD.

To MISS JULIET REDFIELD, Russell Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

A Lover requesting Permission of a Father to pay Addresses to his Daughter.

GRAND ST., NEW YORK, April 3, 18—.

SIR. — Holding clandestine proceedings to be unbecoming a man of character, and likely to bring reproach upon himself and his family connections, I take this method of avowing my love for your daughter Emma, and of respectfully soliciting your permission to pay her my addresses. My family is equally as reputable as any in this great city, and my position in life is such as fully warrants me in seeking your daughter's hand. I have good reason for supposing myself to be not altogether an object of indifference to your daughter, though I honestly assure you that I have not as

yet endeavored to win her affections; for I would not do anything which might, by any possibility, be in opposition to the will of her parents.

I remain, Sir, with great respect,

Your very humble servant,

GEORGE POMEROY.

To MR. JASPER SHARPE, No. — Ridge St, New York.

Affirmative Reply.

RIDGE ST., NEW YORK, April 5, 18—.

YOUNG SIR. — Candor and honor are so apparent in every line of your letter, that it would be both ungenerous and unjust for me to withhold my consent, after making those inquiries which my duty as a father requires me to institute. Although unaware of the state of my daughter's mind, I can assure you that, in no case would I oppose her choice, unless there were very good reasons for supposing that it was an imprudent one, and likely to be productive of ill consequences to herself; for I am convinced by experience and observation, that, without reciprocal affection, happiness cannot be secured in the married state. You shall hear from me again in a few days, until when, I remain,

Yours, truly,

JASPER SHARPE.

To MR. GEORGE POMEROY, No. — Grand St., New York.

Negative Reply.

RIDGE ST., NEW YORK, April 5, 18—.

SIR. — Your statement in regard to yourself, your character, and your connections, I have no reason to doubt, and therefore I will not object to your suit on those grounds; but, as my daughter Emma has not attained her sixteenth year, I consider her entirely too young to marry, or even to receive addresses with a view to marriage at some future time. You

will much oblige me, therefore, by deferring your suit for at least two years, when my daughter will have sufficiently matured to be able to judge rationally in a matter which will materially affect her happiness in after life.

I remain, Sir, Your obedient servant,

JASPER SHARPE.

To MR. GEORGE POMEROY, No. — Grand St., New York.

A Gentleman informing his Friend of his Attachment for a Lady.

SUMMER ST., PHILA., February 27, 18—.

MY DEAR ROBERT. — My skepticism in relation to matrimonial bliss has vanished into thin air, before the charms and winning manners of a young lady to whom I was introduced a few weeks since. Laugh as you may, be assured that she would convert even yourself to a belief in the happiness of married life, and I so firmly believe in the truths which she has taught me, that I am now her engaged and accepted suitor.

The lady's name is Miss Kate T——, whose beauty you may remember to have heard canvassed at Saratoga last summer. But her beauty is as nothing in comparison with her mental adornments; and no description can convey an idea of the enjoyment I have hitherto derived from her society. The more her amiable character and brilliant accomplishments are developed to my view, the more certain I m that she will prove to be the sole source of my future appiness.

With the hope that you may be equally fortunate in the selection of a partner for life, believe me to be, my dear Robert, Truly your friend,

PHILIP WESTON.

To MR. ROBERT HOUGH, No. — Green St., Phil'a.

Reply of the Friend.

GREEN ST., PHILA, March 1, 18—.

MY DEAR PHILIP. — So you really intend to cut the fraternity of bachelors, and cast your lot among the Benedicts! Who would have thought that Mr. Philip Weston, the jolly good fellow, who so loved to crack his bottle and his joke at the expense of his married friends, should ground his arms and surrender at discretion, when ordered to do so by a musical voice, whose only other weapons of offence are a fair face and a pair of bright eyes!

Well! I have no objection to your seeking happiness in your own way; but, for myself, who never expressed any antipathy to matrimony, I do not feel a disposition to involve any woman (supposing I could love one sufficiently to make her my wife) in discomfort, and possibly misery, alike discreditable and painful to a man of sensibility and honor. Had I your wealth, I would not be fearful of the consequences; but as at present situated, my feelings revolt at the idea of changing my condition.

Phil., I cordially sympathize with you in the prospect of an agreeable union, and earnestly hope that you may reap a full measure of anticipated happiness. Believe me to be, as ever, Your sincere friend,

ROBERT HOUGH.

To MR. PHILIP WESTON, No — Summer St., Phila.

Congratulating a Friend on his Marriage.

AISQUITH ST., BALTIMORE, August 6, 18—.

MY DEAR HENRY.—As you have entered the enviable state of wedlock, and are no longer the merry bachelor formerly the butt of my crude jests, I must address you in a tone of greater gravity than has hitherto been my custom. My dear friend, I sincerely congratulate you upon this desirable change; for in your choice of a partner you have given evidence of the possession of a sound judgment, and much good taste. If my beneficent wishes were the only requisite to ensure your happiness in the married state, you would never have occasion to regret the step you have recently taken; for there is no one whom I more ardently desire to see surrounded with all the blessings of this life.

Have the kindness to present my respectful compliments to Mrs. Wilson, and believe me ever to remain,

Your sincere well-wisher and friend,

WILLIAM BLELOCH.

To MR. HENRY WILSON, No. — Franklin St., Baltimore, Md.

Reply to a Congratulatory Letter.

FRANKLIN ST., BALTIMORE, MD., August 10, 18—.

MY DEAR WILLIAM.—I have always supposed that you felt a deep interest in whatever concerned my welfare and happiness; but, if additional proof were needed of the fact, it has been made manifest in your kind letter of the 6th instant. The expression of your feelings of delight and satisfaction at my recent marriage, is but the re-echo of my own; for, let me assure you, my dear friend, in all candor. I have every reason for self-gratulation in my choice of a help-mate. She is indeed all that my fondest wishes could have pictured, and I cherish the hope that her excellent qualities will suffer no change by the lapse of time.

I would be very glad to have the opportunity of reciprocating the good wishes you have so lavishly bestowed upon me, but as yet there is no prospect of your becoming a Benedict. When you do make up your mind to get married, please advise me beforehand of your purpose; as I have something to say to you which may prove of service. At present I can only express the hope that you may enjoy equal happiness with Your sincere friend,

HENRY WILSON.

To MR. WILLIAM BLELOCH, No. — Aisquith St., Baltimore, Md.

VI. FROM MEN TO OTHERS ON BUSINESS, WITH REPLIES

A Merchant requesting Payment of an Account

Canal St., New York,
Aug. 10, 18—.

Sir.—I must solicit your prompt attention to my account, which has already overrun the usual time. On the 25th I have a heavy note to pay, which will require all the funds I can procure; and, as you have not remitted me any money for some months past, you will oblige me by forwarding a draft for the whole, or at least for a large part of the amount due me. Please reply by return of mail, so that I may know on what to depend.

I remain, sir,

Your obedient servant,
Saul Hubbard.

To Mr. Lemuel Trotter,
No. — Market St. St. Louis, Mo.

Reply of the Debtor.

Market St., St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 14, 18—.

Sir.—Your favor of the 10th was duly received, and the contents noted. I am sorry that any inconvenience has resulted from my tardiness; but I assure you that it has been impossible to make collections, owing to the late depression which has completely paralyzed every branch of business. Trade is, however, somewhat improving, and money begins to come in slowly. As rapidly as collections can be made from my customers, I will remit to you on account of my indebtedness; and herewith please find a draft on the Metropolitan Bank, in your city, for $500, which I will thank you to place to my credit, and forward me a receipt therefor.

I am, sir, Yours, truly,
Lemuel Trotter.

To Mr. Saul Hubbard, No. — Canal St., New York.

A Tradesman urging Payment of his Account.

Chestnut St., Phila., Feb.. 13, 18—

Sir.—The urgency of the claims made upon me at the present time, compel me to ask your immediate attention to my bill, which I sent to your address on or about Jan. 1. The amount is only $50, and its early settlement will aid in relieving me from existing embarrassment.

I remain, sir, Your very obedient servant,
Mark Skinner.

To Mr Simeon Haines, No. — Arch St., Phila.

A more urgent Demand for Payment.

Second St., Phila., March 11, 18—.

Sir.—I have become tired of waiting for the fulfilment of your promises, which are apparently only made to be broken. Repeatedly have I postponed the institution of proceedings against you, under a promise that you would settle my bill by a specified day; but in every instance you have forfeited your word, and compelled me to the belief that you

do not intend to meet your obligations at any time, if you can in any manner avoid so doing. I now candidly warn you that, unless my bill be settled by the 15th inst., I will resort to legal measures to secure my due.

I am, sir, Your ill-used creditor,
JACOB STILLMAN

To MR. CHARLES LEMOND, No. — Walnut St., Phila.

A Hint for the Payment of a Debt.

PRATT ST., BALTIMORE, Jan. 3, 18—.

DEAR SIR.—The present tightness of the money market, and my own depleted exchequer, remind me that there is in my possession a due-bill of yours for the sum of $350. I do not think you will require any urging to make it good, and therefore hope to hear from you relative thereto in the course of three or four days.

I remain Yours, most sincerely,
REUBEN CLARK.

To MR. PAUL SAYLES, No. — Charles St., Baltimore.

A more pressing Demand for Payment.

PRATT ST., BALTIMORE, Feb. 10, 18—.

SIR.—Your due-bill for the sum of $350 is still in my hands, notwithstanding your promise to redeem it on the 1st inst. A real want of the money makes me thus urgent, and I candidly assure you that my business arrangements will be materially inconvenienced by any further delay on your part.

Yours, truly,
REUBEN CLARK.

To MR. PAUL SAYLES, No. — Charles St., Baltimore.

Answer of the Debtor.

CHARLES ST., BALTIMORE, Feb. 11, 18—.

MY DEAR SIR.—Enclosed please find a check for the amount of my due-bill, which I will thank you to enclose to my address. I am happy to be thus able to cancel an in-

debtedness which has existed already too long; but allow me to assure you that causes beyond my control have materially interfered with my usual punctuality in business matters.

Believe me to be, my dear sir,

Your obliged and faithful servant,
PAUL SAYLES.

To MR. REUBEN CLARK, No. — Pratt St., Baltimore.

A Mercantile Firm urgently demanding Payment from a Debtor.

MARKET ST., PHILA., March 7, 18—.

GENTLEMEN.—We are compelled to urge you to an immediate settlement of your account, which has now been outstanding more than eighteen months. You are aware that we have shown you every indulgence to which you are entitled, and we feel that further application on our part for payment is not called for under the circumstances. Our present purpose is simply to inform you, that if our account be not settled on or before the first day of next April, we will take other, and to you more unpleasant, steps, to enforce its payment.

We remain, gentlemen,

Yours, obediently,
PIERCE, BOWERS & Co.

To MESSRS. JOHNSON & ROSS, No. — Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Requesting the Payment of a Sum of Money by a Mercantile Correspondent.

FRONT ST., PHILA., Feb. 13, 18—.

SIR.—There has been in your hands, for a long time, a considerable balance in my favor, for which I have not heretofore called, and which I would not at present require, were it not that a very unexpected demand has been made upon me for a large sum, which, without your assistance, cannot be met. Of the nature of this demand, and the necessity for its prompt discharge, I will inform you at some other time,

trusting you will pardon this freedom, which nothing but a regard for my credit could compel me to take. In the event of your being unable to remit the whole at present, a portion will be gladly received by

Your obedient servant,
EDWARD SISSON.

To MR. ALVIN VITTUM, No. — Broadway, New York.

Reply of the Correspondent.

BROADWAY, NEW YORK, Feb. 14, 18—.

SIR.—I am sorry to learn, from your letter of yesterday, that you are suffering inconvenience for want of the sum remaining in my hands, and which would have been remitted some time since, but for the failure of some of my debtors. At present, however, I am in easy circumstances, and, happily, able to meet the entire amount of your claim, $3659.18, for which I send you a draft at sight, on the Bank of North America, in your city.

With the hope that your embarrassment will be only temporary, I remain, sir,

Your truly obliged friend,
ALVIN VITTUM.

To MR. EDWARD SISSON, No. — N. Front St., Phila.

To a Firm, with an Instalment.

FIFTH ST., ST. LOUIS, MO., May 20, 18—.

GENTLEMEN.—Enclosed please find $200, in notes of Philadelphia banks, which I will thank you to place to my credit, as the first instalment upon my bill, now overdue nearly three months. The balance will be remitted during the second week in June, if not before that time. I regret the inconvenience caused you by my delay, which is a result of our system of long credits, and entirely beyond my power to control.

I remain, gentlemen,

Your obliged and faithful servant,
ENOCH ANDERSON.

To MESSRS. BOOTH, SLOAN & Co., No. — Bank St., Phila.

Reply of the Firm.

BANK ST., PHILA., May 25, 18—.

DEAR SIR.—Yours of the 20th inst., enclosing $200 as an instalment on your outstanding account, was duly received, and the amount placed to your credit. We are happy to know of your intention to make a final remittance in June, until which time we are very willing to wait. Meanwhile, we will be pleased to receive your orders for any goods in our line of which you may be in need; and herewith you will receive some sample cards of new styles of figured lawns, etc. etc., together with a price-list, to all of which we respectfully beg leave to call your attention.

We are, dear sir,

Your very obedient servants,
BOOTH, SLOAN & Co.

To MR. ENOCH ANDERSON, No. — Fifth St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Requesting the Renewal of a Promissory Note.

CAMP ST., NEW ORLEANS, April 8, 18—.

GENTLEMEN.—You have in your possession my note for $5000, payable May 4, which I am sorry to say I cannot meet at maturity, owing to a combination of circumstances adverse to my interests, and not anticipated. If you will do me the favor to renew it for ninety days, with interest added, I do not doubt my ability to redeem it when due. A compliance with this request will confer an obligation upon

Your obedient servant,
FRANKLIN REARDON.

To MESSRS. WALKER, WICK & WAYNE, No. — Market St.,
Phila., Pa.

Request for Delay by a Debtor.

MONROE ST., WHEELING, VA., Nov. 10, 18—.

GENTLEMEN.—Will you do me the favor to defer the settlement of your account until after the 1st proximo, when I hope to be able to meet your demands. Trusting that, here-

after, circumstances will not interfere to prevent a prompt cancellation of my indebtedness, I remain, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

AARON FOWLER.

To MESSRS. CLOSE, QUIN & MAUL, No. — Strawberry St., Phila., Pa.

Another Similar Request.

WALNUT ST., PHILA., Jan. 26, 18—.

SIR. — I regret that your bill, amounting to $1430.60, has remained so long unsettled; but disappointments of a pecuniary nature, to which it is not necessary here to allude in a particular manner, will prevent me from liquidating it for some time, perhaps ninety days, though not exceeding that period. If, as the pressing language used in your application for payment would seem to indicate, a promissory note at ninety days from this date would be of service to you, I will give it to you with pleasure.

I am, sir, Your obedient servant,

WALTER BRAY.

To MR. SETH COX, No. — N. Third St., Phila.

A Tenant to his Landlord, excusing Delay in paying his Rent.

SEARS ST., PHILA, Dec. 9, 18—.

SIR. — For ten years have I been the tenant of your property, and never yet have failed in paying my rent when it was due; but now, owing to the general commercial depression, which has prevented me from obtaining employment more than half my time, I am constrained to ask you for a short indulgence. Next month will place me in possession of funds from a relative in the West, when I will promptly cancel my indebtedness to you. Your concession of this favor will be ever gratefully acknowledged by

Your very humble servant,

GEORGE RUSH

To MR. PHINEAS GRUB, No. — Pine St., Phila.

A Farmer Tenant requesting Delay.

ADDISVILLE, BUCKS CO., PA., Sept. 4, 18—.

SIR. — I regret the necessity which obliges me to crave a delay in the payment of my rent. My crops partially failed last year; yet I managed to meet the accruing demands upon my purse. The crops of the present year have turned out much worse, and, unless my corn crop, when gathered, sells for a good price, I will be obliged to ask you to receive a portion of my rent, and allow the balance to stand until next year, when I hope to be able to pay you all, by the sale of two fine steers, which are now being fattened for the butcher. Your acquiescence in my proposal will be considered a great favor by

Your very humble and obedient servant,

HIRAM JORDAN

To MR. ADAM SHARPE, No. — Chestnut St., Phila.

Another, of a Similar Character, from a Farmer.

MARPLE TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE CO., PA., Oct. 11, 18—.

SIR. — Circumstances compel me to ask a short indulgence in the payment of my rent. Hitherto, I have never had occasion to make this request, and would not do so now, had I not suffered from various calamities, which foresight could neither avert nor control: (*Here state the circumstances.*) You will see, by this statement, that I have been a heavy loser by calamities immediately connected with my occupancy of your farm, and may thefore claim your attention for these more appropriately than for others of a domestic nature, from which I have suffered, but to which I make no further allusion.

With this exhibit of my present difficulties, I submit to you the consideration of my unfortunate case, and beg leave to subscribe myself, Yours, most respectfully,

JOHN HALPIN.

To MR. SAMUEL POWERS, No. — Bridge St., Mantuaville, Phila. Co., Pa.

Application for a Loan.

MARKET ST., PHILA, March 12, 18--.

DEAR GILES. — I very foolishly endorsed Charlie Graham's note for $600. The note has been protested, and I have been called upon to make good the amount, which at present is impossible, without outside assistance. As I am likely to be involved in some difficulty unless the necessary sum is at once procured, will you do me the favor to loan me $500 until the first of May, when my dividends on stocks will enable me to return it without fail. This is a rather disagreeable favor to ask of a friend, and it annoys me to be under the necessity of making such an application, but I trust you will excuse it on the part of

Yours, sincerely,
PETER SPARROWHAWK.

To MR. GILES PICKETT, No. — Third St., Phila.

Favorable Answer.

THIRD ST., PHILA., March 13, 18—.

DEAR PETER. — You are very welcome to the sum required, which you will find enclosed. No apologies were necessary, for I do not consider the loan as a favor conferred, but merely as one of many obligations cancelled. Allow me, however, to give you a word of advice, which may be useful hereafter—never put your name on any man's paper without receiving a consideration. If you wish to accommodate a friend, and have some spare cash, lend it to him; if you are short, tell him so, and let him seek an angel elsewhere. By pursuing this course, you will save much money, and avoid a great deal of unnecessary anxiety. I hope you will take this advice in the same spirit in which it given, and believe me to be, as ever, Yours, truly,

GILES PICKETT.

To MR. PETER SPARROWHAWK, No. — Market St., Philadelphia.

Another Application for a Loan.

CARONDELET ST., ST. LOUIS, June 3, 18—.

DEAR SIR.—I am temporarily embarrassed through the failure of my Cincinnati correspondent to remit. The sum of $1000 would relieve my present necessities, but I dislike borrowing money of professional lenders, and would rather solicit the aid of some one of my numerous friends. My first thought was of yourself; and, therefore, my object in writing is to ask if you can spare me the required sum without in any way interfering with your business arrangements? You may rely upon having it returned to you on the 15th inst., and perhaps before that time. Pray reply at your earliest convenience, and oblige,

Your obedient servant,
FRANK FABER.

To MR. CYRUS FRIEND, No. — Marion St., St. Louis, Mo.

Affirmative Reply.

MARION ST., ST. LOUIS, June 4, 18—.

DEAR SIR.—Your letter of yesterday was duly received, and it gratifies me to be able to say that you can have the loan asked for. Enclosed you will find a check for the amount, which you will return when it suits your own convenience to do so, as I shall not want to use it for six weeks to come.

I remain, Yours, very sincerely,
CYRUS FRIEND

MR. FRANK FABER, No. — Carondelet St., St. Louis, Mo.

Negative Reply.

MARION ST., ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 4, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — I am truly sorry that my circumstances will not permit me to accommodate a friend in whom I take a very great interest; but I am myself in great need of money, and on last Saturday I was forced to borrow to meet

a note. It is, therefore, out of my power to grant your request. Regretting my own inability to render you the desired service, and trusting that you may be more successful elsewhere, I beg leave to subscribe myself

Yours, very sincerely,
CYRUS FRIEND.

To MR. FRANK FABER, No. — Carondelet St., St. Louis, Mo.

Soliciting the Aid of an old Friend.

No. — OAK ST., NEW ORLEANS, January 17, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — Many years have elapsed since we last met, but I think, nevertheless, you cannot have forgotten me. It is Nick Vaughan, your former associate, who now addresses you; but, alas! he is sadly changed from what he was in those days of prosperity. My fine flow of spirits has been replaced by a settled melancholy, prosperity has given way to grinding poverty, and the sneers and contempt of an unfeeling world are but a poor exchange for the honey'd words of flattery which used to be poured into mine ears.

I do not design to operate upon your feelings by artful language; but my distress is so urgent that it *will* force itself upon the attention of others, nothwithstanding my pride shrinks from the ordeal which it is compelled to undergo. My state is that of bitter poverty; aye, of actual destitution; and in the name of that friendship which once existed between us, I appeal to your benevolent feelings for relief. My address you will see at the head of this scrawl, if you think it worth while to look after

Your truly miserable friend,
NICHOLAS VAUGHAN.

To MR. EUSTACE CHENEY, No — Poydras St., New Orleans.

Reply of the former Friend.

POYDRAS ST., NEW ORLEANS, January 18, 18—.

MY DEAR OLD FRIEND. — Your letter, just received, bears evidence in every line of the struggle it must have

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Your truly sincere friend,
EUSTACE CHENEY

To MR. NICHOLAS VAUGHAN, No. — Oak St., New Orleans.

Another Reply, of an Unfavorable Character.

POYDRAS ST., NEW ORLEANS, January 18, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — I am very sorry to learn that your condition in life is so different from what it was in former days, and the more so, because my own power of affording relief is very much circumscribed. I have recently met with some severe losses in business, which, together with the constantly accruing expenses of a very large family, render it impossible for me to furnish that material aid which I would very gladly give had I the power. Hoping that you may speedily receive assistance from those who have more means at command, believe me to be, my dear sir,

Yours, most sincerely,
EUSTACE CHENEY.

To MR. NICHOLAS VAUGHAN, No. — Oak St., New Orleans.

Offering Assistance to an Embarrassed Friend.

MOTT ST., NEW YORK, August 6, 18—.

MY DEAR ALBERT. — I am no stranger to your misfortunes, which have aroused in my bosom a strong feeling of sympathy; for, with our limited knowledge of the vicis-

a note. It is, therefore, out of my power to grant your request. Regretting my own inability to render you the desired service, and trusting that you may be more successful elsewhere, I beg leave to subscribe myself

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Your truly sincere friend,
EUSTACE CHENEY

To MR. NICHOLAS VAUGHAN, No. — Oak St., New Orleans.

Another Reply, of an Unfavorable Character.

POYDRAS ST., NEW ORLEANS, January 18, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — I am very sorry to learn that your condition in life is so different from what it was in former days, and the more so, because my own power of affording relief is very much circumscribed. I have recently met with some severe losses in business, which, together with the constantly accruing expenses of a very large family, render it impossible for me to furnish that material aid which I would very gladly give had I the power. Hoping that you may speedily receive assistance from those who have more means at command, believe me to be, my dear sir,

Yours, most sincerely,
EUSTACE CHENEY.

To MR. NICHOLAS VAUGHAN, No. — Oak St., New Orleans.

Offering Assistance to an Embarrassed Friend.

MOTT ST., NEW YORK, August 6, 18—.

MY DEAR ALBERT. — I am no stranger to your misfortunes, which have aroused in my bosom a strong feeling of sympathy; for, with our limited knowledge of the vicis-

situdes of life, it is impossible to foresee whether each coming day will be productive of good or evil — and, in fact, the latter seems most frequently to predominate. Being desirous of assisting you through your difficulties, please find enclosed my check on the Leather Dealers' Bank of this city, for $2500, which I beg you will accept as a loan, to be reimbursed when you can do so without inconvenience to your business interests. I trust that your exertions, and the assistance of friends, may in time reinstate you in the prosperous position which you formerly occupied.

I remain, my dear Albert,

Your very sincere friend and well-wisher,

ISAAC WILSON.

To MR. ALBERT BUCK, No. — Prince St., New York.

Proposing to open an Account.

CHESTNUT ST., PHILA., April 10, 18—.

GENTLEMEN. — My friend, Mr. Turner, has spoken to me of your establishment in such high terms, that, having determined to withdraw my custom from the store of Messrs. Bacon and Holland, if agreeable to yourselves, I am disposed to open an account with your house. If one of your firm can make it convenient to call at my counting-house on Wednesday morning, between 9 and 12 o'clock, we will then agree as to the terms on which you may in future supply me with goods in your line of business.

Respectfully yours,

OLIVER BOOTH.

To MESSRS. SLOAN, TABER, & Co., No. — Market St., Phila.

A Wholesale to a Retail Firm.

FRONT ST., PHILA., Feb. 15, 18—

GENTLEMEN. — We beg leave to inform you that we have recently opened a large establishment for the sale of domestic woollens of all kinds. We have a very extensive stock of choice goods, of the most fashionable patterns, to

which we invite the attention of your house, feeling confident of our ability to supply your orders at as low rates, and on equally favorable terms, as other establishments.

We are, gentlemen,

Your most obedient servants,

LORD, FROST & DUNBAR.

To MESSRS. HALL & ELDRED, No. — Market St., Philadelphia.

A Friend in the Country asking a Favor of his City Friend.

WELLSBORO', TIOGA CO., PA., Feb. 8, 18—.

DEAR ROGER. — In a few days I will have occasion to visit your city, and, being a comparative stranger, I wish to be as near the business centre as possible, though located in a private boarding-house, as I have a strong aversion to hotel life. My object in writing is to ask you to recommend me to some private boarding-house, and engage rooms in advance of my arrival, so that I may proceed thither at once on landing from the cars. Leaving the selection entirely to yourself, and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours, faithfully,

ISRAEL JONES.

To MR. ROGER WHITE, No. — Locust St., Phila.

A Country to a City Friend, in behalf of a Third Person.

CHAMBERSBURG, FRANKLIN CO., PA., May 10, 18—.

MY RESPECTED FRIEND. — Mr. Rossiter, a resident of this place, and one of my most intimate friends, wishes to place his son, a lad of fourteen, in some situation in the city, where he may be able to earn his own living. He has received a tolerably fair education, is a fine penman, honest, industrious, and seems to have in him the material for a good man. Should you, or any of your friends, have an opening for him, or should you hear of any situation which is likely to suit him, may I request you to inform me of the fact?

You will thereby confer an obligation on the father of the lad, and add to the many favors already granted to

Your obliged friend,
CALVIN STORER.

To Mr. EDWIN DEWEY, No. — Bank St., Phila.

Inquiring the Character of a Clerk.

MARKET ST., PHILA., March 7, 18—

SIR. — I advertised a day or two since for a clerk to fill a vacancy in my establishment, and, amongst other applicants, there is one Mr. Horace Drane, who informs me that he has been engaged in your establishment as a clerk for several years. Being pleased with his manners and address, I feel disposed to give him a trial, providing his qualifications and character should be such as I require. You will oblige me by stating whether he has been in your employ during the time specified, and whether you found him a ready and correct accountant, a good book-keeper, industrious, punctual, sober, and of strict integrity. As his situation will be one of trust, I will thank you to be particularly circumspect in regard to the last point named. An early and detailed answer to these queries will greatly oblige

Your very obedient servant,
LEMUEL POLLARD.

To Mr. ELISHA DORSEY, No. — N. Front St., Phila.

Favorable Reply.

FRONT ST., PHILA., March 8, 18—.

SIR. — In reference to my knowledge of Mr. Horace Drane, I beg leave to inform you that he filled the position of clerk in my counting-house for more than five years, during which time his conduct was marked by the strictest integrity, and I always found him active, industrious, and remarkably punctual. These praiseworthy traits in his character, united with a pleasant and accommodating disposition, so won my esteem, that I should not have parted with him, had not pe-

culiar circumstances compelled me to reduce my establishment for the present.

I am, dear sir, Yours, truly,
ELISHA DORSEY.

To Mr. LEMUEL POLLARD, No. — Market St., Phila.

A Gentleman introducing his Son to the Principal of an Academy.

WALNUT ST., PHILA., Feb. 2, 18—.

REV. SIR. — My time being so much occupied by business details, that I am unable to spare a few hours to pay you a visit, and hold a short conversation relative to the studies of my son, whom I beg leave to introduce to you as the bearer of this letter, it occurred to me that the plan adopted would answer equally as well. I agree to your terms, which are sufficiently reasonable; and the high reputation borne by your college, I deem an ample guarantee for the careful instruction of my child. I desire him to receive a thorough education — embracing not only the various branches of an English education, but also the languages, drawing, surveying, etc. etc. He is already well advanced in learning, which you will ascertain by an examination; and, of course, his acquirements and capabilities must be your sole guide in the direction of his studies.

I beg leave, sir, to subscribe myself

Your obedient servant,
JOEL WATSON.

To the REV. DR. ——, Principal of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

A Gentleman inquiring as to his Son's Improvement.

WALNUT ST., PHILA., June 1, 18—.

REV. SIR.—I trouble you with these few lines to inquire whether the improvement of my son is such as to satisfy your wishes and my views. I am the more desirous to learn the progress he has made in your establishment, because in early life he received an injury which for some years greatly interfered with his studies. As he has now outgrown the evil

effects of this hurt, Mrs. W. and myself entertain the hope that he will, under your fostering care, make amends for the time lost by sickness.

I remain Your very obedient servant,

JOEL WATSON.

To the REV. DR ——, Principal of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

Proposal to Apprentice a Lad.

FEDERAL ST., PHILA., Sept. 17, 18—.

SIR. — I would be much pleased to place my son under your charge, with a view to his acquiring a thorough knowledge of your business, for which he evinces a very decided preference. He has received a good plain education, sufficient for all the requirements of a man of business; and I think you would find him to be of a cheerful and pleasant disposition, of industrious habits, and quick in receiving instruction. Not being conversant with your mode of doing business, and understanding that you have a vacancy for one apprentice, I would be glad to confer with you upon this subject at such time as you may designate.

Believe me to be, sir, Your obedient servant,

ENOCH WRIGHT.

To MR. JAMES PIERCE, No. — Washington Avenue, Philadelphia.

Inquiring the Character of a Man-Servant.

ARCH ST., PHILA., Jan. 18, 18—.

DEAR SIR. — Being in need of the services of a young man of industrious habits and good character, to fill the position of waiter, a Mr. Thomas Clark has made application to me for the situation, stating that he lived with you in the same capacity for three and a half years. Will you oblige me by stating whether his assertion is correct; and, if it is, whether he proved equal to his duties, and was sober, as well as strictly honest? I would also be pleased to know the occasion of

his leaving your service. An early and detailed reply to these inquiries will be deemed a favor by

Your very obedient servant,

ALVIN BANNISTER.

To MR. HORACE EASTMAN, No. — Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia.

Soliciting a Subscription to a Charity.

SYCAMORE ST., CINCINNATI, Dec. 13, 18—.

SIR. — Please excuse the liberty I have assumed, of enclosing to your address a prospectus of an institution which promises to exercise a very beneficial effect upon the condition of the poor in our district. It is for the establishment of an "Industrial School," in which, while the children of the indigent are taught the rudiments of the English language, they will also be instructed in various mechanic arts, with a view to fit them for earning their own subsistence. Being thus doubly provided with the means of working their way up in the world, the chances are in favor of children thus educated being developed into good men; and in this way a gradual change will be wrought in the condition, habits, and morals of the lower classes.

Depending upon your reputation for liberality, I have ventured to make this appeal, trusting that you will excuse it from one who is a total stranger, in consideration of the benevolent motives which prompted this course.

I remain, sir, Your most obedient servant,

EPHRAIM BAILY.

To MR. URIAH TODD, No. — Broadway, Cincinnati.

Affirmative Reply.

BROADWAY, CINCINNATI, December 17, 18—.

SIR.—Having read with much care the Prospectus you did me the favor to send me some days since, I fully endorse the views therein set forth, and will gladly contribute to forward an institution so benevolent and useful in its design

Herewith please find a check for $50, which, if it were in my power, I would gladly double. Wishing you every success, I remain,

Yours, truly,

URIAH TODD.

To Mr. EPHRAIM BAILY, No — Sycamore St, Cincinnati.

Negative Reply.

BROADWAY, CINCINNATI, December 19, 18—.

SIR. — Similar claims upon my generosity are so frequently made, that I cannot now contribute to establish an Institution, the excellence of which is fully recognised, and which I would be glad to see in full operation. I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

URIAH TODD.

To Mr. EPHRAIM BAILY, No. — Sycamore St., Cincinnati.

Soliciting a Subscription on behalf of a Destitute Family.

SULLIVAN ST., NEW YORK, February 4, 18—.

SIR. — May I presume to ask your attention to a case of suffering in our vicinity, which is really deserving of charitable relief. A poor, but deserving, man is now lying on his death-bed in one room of a tenant-house, and in the adjoining room his wife has just given birth to a child, for which she is unprovided with the proper comforts, and even with the most ordinary necessities. A family of four children surround the miserable mother, their hollow eyes and sunken cheeks but too plainly evidencing a long and painful fast. Enclosed you will find a subscription-paper, to which I respectfully ask you to place your name, opposite whatever sum your heart prompts you to give. Believe me you can not bestow your alms on more worthy objects. I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

MARK FOWLER.

To Mr. WALTER WHITNEY, No. — Houston St., New York.

VII FROM MEN SEEKING EMPLOYMENT, AND IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.

Reply to an Advertisement for a Waiter.

No. — Montcalm St., Phila.,
May 5, 18—.

Sir. — An advertisement in the Daily News of this morning informs me that you are in want of a waiter, which situation I filled for several years in the family of the late Mr Tripple; but the reduction of the establishment after his death led to my dismissal. I respectfully beg leave to offer myself for the same position in your household, and to ask your attention to my testimonials, which are enclosed, and will not fail to satisfy you regarding my character and capabilities.

I remain, sir,

Your very humble servant,

George Pfaff.

To Mr. Frederick Bates,
No. — Chestnut St., Phila.

Reply to an Advertisement for a Salesman.

No. — Melon St., Phila., September 3, 18—.

Sir. — Your advertisement in the North American of this morning indicates a want which I feel myself qualified to fill, having had long practice in the employ of Messrs Backus, Stowe & Co., who gave me reason to believe they were fully satisfied with my services. Some six months ago I left Messrs. B. S. & Co., on account of ill health, and since that time have been travelling from one place to another, throughout nearly the entire Union, renewing my acquaintance with old merchants, and obtaining introductions to those who have but lately commenced business. From this you will perceive that my assistance in any establishment will be likely to benefit the proprietors, to the full extent of my available stock of acquaintances and friends.

Should you wish to communicate with my late employers, I am confident they will speak favorably of me.

I remain, sir, Your very obedient servant,

Edmund Rogers.

To Mr. Caleb Hildreth, No. — Market St., Phila.

Application for a Clerkship.

No. — S. Ninth St., Phila., September 3, 18—.

Gentlemen. — An advertisement in the North American of this morning informs me that you are in want of a clerk. May I presume to ask your attention to the enclosed testimonials, and to venture a hope that my acquired knowledge of the details of the line of business you follow may be of service in your establishment. My habits are a guarantee for the faithful discharge of my duties, and, should you honor me with your confidence, I shall spare no pains to acquit myself to your entire satisfaction. Believe me to be, gentlemen, Your very obedient servant,

Richard White.

To Messrs. Lewis, Basham & Co., No. — Market St., Phila.

The Clerk's Reply to a Communication from the Firm

No. — S. Ninth St., Phila., September 4, 18—.

Gentlemen. — In reply to your note of this morning, I have to express my satisfaction with the salary offered. Should we ultimately make a permanent arrangement, I assure you that no pains on my part will be spared to do justice to the confidence reposed in me. May I look for an early intimation of your intentions? as an offer from another party requires a prompt reply.

I remain, gentlemen,

Your very obedient servant,

Richard White.

To Messrs. Lewis, Basham & Co., No. — Market St., Phila.

Application for the Position of Conductor on a Railroad.

No. — Catharine St., Phila., June 7, 18—.

Gentlemen.—I am very desirous of obtaining a situation as conductor on the railroad under your charge, believing myself fully competent to the performance of the duties, as I have been for several years employed in a similar position on the Phila., Wilmington & Balt. Railroad. Your attention is respectfully solicited to the accompanying letter of recommendation from the President of the Company I have just mentioned, which I flatter myself cannot but prove satisfactory. Should you decide to confer upon me the favor asked, I will endeavar to evince my sense of the obligation by a faithful and diligent discharge of my duties.

I remain, gentlemen,

Your obedient humble servant,

Henry Carl.

To the President and Directors of the Pennsylvania Central R. R. Co.

Application for a Situation in a Public Department.

No. — Sears St., Phila., May 15, 18—.

Honored Sir. — The undersigned, who has had considerable experience as a clerk (*or whatever other position may be desired*), under former administrations, respectfully solicits your attention to his application for a similar position in the department under your supervision, pledging himself, if selected, to perform all the duties of his office with satisfaction to yourself and to the public. Enclosed will be found the testimonials of many very prominent and influential citizens, to which your attention is specially solicited by

Yours, very respectfully,
Sampson Clayton.

To the ———— of the City of Phila.

A Gardener Soliciting a Situation.

No. — Chancellor St., Phila., February 10, 18—.

Sir.—Understanding that you are in want of a gardener, I take the liberty of offering myself as a candidate for the vacant situation, which I have no doubt of my ability to fill to your entire satisfaction, as, during the greater part of my life I have been employed either on nursery grounds, or in gentlemen's gardens, and have had much experience in the care and management of hot-houses, as well as of green-houses. In regard to ability and steadiness of character, I can refer with confidence to the following gentlemen by whom I have been employed. (*Here give the names and addresses of the parties.*) Should you desire a personal interview, I will wait upon you at such time as you may indicate, and give you every information in reference to myself that you may require. I am, sir,

Your very obedient servant,
Richard Barger.

To Mr. Tristram Locke, No. — Arch St., Phila.

Application for a Situation as Coachman.

Fayette St., Phila., Feb. 9, 18—.

Sir.—I have been informed by a friend that you are in need of the services of a coachman, and, therefore, take the liberty of asking your attention to the enclosed testimonials of my ability to perform the duties of the situation now vacant. Having been reared in the country, where the care of horses forms part of the education of every growing lad, I have become familiarized with the habits of those animals, and thoroughly understand the proper mode of treating them, as also how to handle the ribbons of a four- or six-in-hand team. Added to the recommendations in my favor, is the fact that, during the past ten years, I have had charge of the horses and vehicles of Mr. ——, of Chestnut Hill, whose employment I left, as you will see by reference to his testimonial, because, having resolved to remove to another State he no longer needed my services. If my testimonials and qualifications meet with the approbation I have reason to expect, I will be very happy to engage as your coachman, and will do all in my power to merit and secure your commendation.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your very obedient, humble servant,
John Quig.

To Mr. Alexander Mountain, Grove Park,
Chester Co., Pa.

Reply to a Favorable Answer.

Fayette St., Phila., Feb. 15, 18—

Dear Sir.—Your very kind note, informing me of the success of my application, was received at a late hour last evening; and I will take great pleasure in waiting upon you at the earliest moment. Please accept my very sincere thanks for the favor conferred, and assure yourself that I shall endeavor to prove by my conduct that your confidence has not been misplaced.

With repeated expressions of my sense of obligation, believe me to be, dear sir,

Your truly obedient, humble servant,

JOHN QUIG

To MR. ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN, Grove Park,
Chester Co., Pa.

Application for the Situation of Teacher.

BRIDGE ST., MANTUAVILLE, Sept. 21, 18—.

GENTLEMEN.—Being informed that a vacancy for the position of assistant teacher exists in the —— School, under your charge, I beg leave to present my claims to your careful consideration. The experience obtained in other schools, wherein I have filled similar positions, has tended to perfect my system of imparting instruction, as well as of enforcing discipline; and I flatter myself that I have but few superiors in the successful training of youth. If honored by your confidence, I expect, by blending kindness with a firm enforcement of discipline, to secure your cordial approbation.

Gentlemen, I have the honor to subscribe myself

Your very humble servant,

LAWRENCE WHIPPLE.

To the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SECTION, Phila., Pa.

A Young Man in the Country, soliciting his Town Friend to procure him a Situation.

HORSHAM TOWNSHIP, BUCKS CO., PA., Jan. 27, 18—.

DEAR FREDERICK.—When last with us, you kindly promised that, if ever in your power to forward my interests in any manner, you would feel a pleasure in so doing. By a change in the firm with which my fortunes have heretofore been identified, I have been thrown out of employment, and must seek a new engagement. Should you hear of any situation, either in my own business, or in the grocery line, which you may consider likely to suit me, you will confer a very great favor if you will inform me of it, so that I may use my interest for obtaining the place.

Yours, very truly,

AUGUSTUS WILTON.

To MR. FREDERICK PARTINGTON, No. — N. Front St.,
Philadelphia.

A Farm Laborer to his Daughter at Service.

GERMANTOWN, PHILA. Co., Feb. 7, 18—.

DEAR MARGARET.—Your letter of the 4th inst. was duly received, and comforted our hearts. We all miss you greatly. Your brothers and sisters frequently talk about you, and wonder what Margaret is employed in doing at the moment. The tears come into poor James Thorn's eyes whenever your name is mentioned, but he hastily brushes them away, as though ashamed of his own weakness. He thought you unkind not to mention him in your letter. Although you say you cannot love him, yet, surely, you cannot but appreciate his kindness of heart, his industry, and his many other very excellent qualities.

Since your departure, nothing of any particular interest has occurred among our friends and neighbors, except an attempt to rob the barn of Peter Haws, which was discovered in time to rescue the stolen property from the burglars, one of whom was captured. All your friends, but particularly James Thorn, desire to be kindly remembered to you. Having nothing more to add, I will close my letter with the hope that the Almighty Giver of life and health will watch over and preserve you from evil. Such is ever the earnest prayer of

Your truly affectionate father,

MARK PRITCHARD.

To MISS MARGARET PRITCHARD, No. — Aisquith St.,
Baltimore, Md.

A Laboring Man to his Son.

GRUBB TOWN, PHILA. Co., May 9, 18—.

DEAR THOMAS.—I have been for several weeks suffering under a severe attack of rheumatism, but I am at present on

joying a season of rest. Your dear mother is well and hearty almost as active as a young woman, and far better. I sincerely hope, dear Thomas, that you may be equally fortunate in the choice of a partner for life; and if what I hear of your future wife be true, yours is also likely to be a happy match. But much depends upon yourself, for nine out of ten unhappy marriages are, I have every reason to believe, made such by the imprudence of the husbands. A poor workingman, who spends his leisure hours in a groggery playing cards and dominoes for liquor, can never expect to have a comfortable home, or a wife with an amiable temper. The back must suffer for want of clothing, and the stomach for want of food, to furnish the means of indulging in habits alike pernicious to soul and body.

You must not take it amiss that I am thus pressing on this point, because I know you to be of a gay turn, and fond of company, which make you more liable to be drawn into the snare of bad associations. Be not morose, however, but merely keep your gayety within bounds, and seek comfort where it may be legitimately looked for, at your own fireside, in the company of your wife and children, should a kind Providence bless you with any. This advice, given in kindness, I hope may sink deep into your heart, and produce the result intended by

Your affectionate father,

JOHN BAMPTON.

To MR. THOMAS BAMPTON, Kingsessing,
Phila. Co., Pa.

APPENDIX

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FORMS OF LETTERS OF CREDIT.

Nashville, Tenn., March 3, 18—.

Gentlemen.—Please deliver to Mr. James Notson, of this city, or on his order, goods and merchandise, to an amount not exceeding in value, in the whole, two thousand dollars; and on your doing so, I hereby hold myself accountable to you for the payment of the same, in case Mr. James Notson should not be able to do so, or should make default, of which default you are to give me reasonable notice.

Your obedient servant
Charles Hurlbut.

To Messrs. Brown & West, No. — Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 10, 18—.

Gentlemen.—I hereby undertake to guarantee to you the repayment of all sums of money which you may advance to Mr. Richard Smith, the bearer hereof, not exceeding, in the whole, fifteen hundred dollars, within one year from the date hereof, with interest.

Your obedient servant,
Ebenezer Scattergood.

To Messrs. Jackson, North & Co., No. — Pearl St.,
New York.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 23, 18—.

GENTLEMEN.—In consideration of your having agreed to sell to Mr. Levi Ford, of this city, in the way of his business, such goods as he may select or call for, I, the undersigned, do hereby guarantee unto you, that he shall make due payment for such articles as you may, from time to time, sell or advance to him, or his order; and notwithstanding I may not have notice of any neglect or omission which may happen in the payment thereof, as had been agreed upon for the same, so as my liability shall not exceed the sum of three thousand, five hundred dollars.

And I further agree that this guarantee shall not be withdrawn, until the expiration of sixty days after notice having been given to you, in writing, under my hand, of my intention to discontinue the same.

Respectfully yours,
SAMPSON MASTERS.

To MESSRS. LALOR, ASHTON & SAILOR, No. — N. Third St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

LETTERS OF ATTORNEY.

Form of Letter Authorizing a third party to Collect Debts.

KNOW ALL MEN, BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Paul F. Richardson, of the town of Harrisburg, in the county of Dauphin, and State of Pennsylvania, merchant, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint, and in my place and stead put and depute, Roland Drake, of the city of Lancaster, and State aforesaid, merchant, my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name, and for my use, to ask, demand, sue for, recover and receive, all such sum or sums of money, debts, goods, wares, and other demands whatsoever, which is or shall be due, owing, payable and belonging to me, by any manner or means whatsoever, especially, [*Continue with statement of what is to be done*]. HEREBY ratifying, allowing, and holding for firm and effectual, all and whatsoever my said attorney shall lawfully do, in and about the premises, by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine. PAUL F. RICHARDSON. [L. S.]

Form of Letter Authorizing a third party to Sell Stocks.

KNOW ALL MEN, BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Paul F Richardson, of the town of Harrisburg, in the county of Dauphin, and State of Pennsylvania, merchant, do make, constitute and appoint, Roland Drake, merchant, of the city of Lancaster, in the State aforesaid, my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name, and to my use, to sell, assign and transfer, ten sheres of stock, to which I am entitled, in the Farmer's Bank of Lancaster, as by the books of said Bank appears, or any part thereof, to such person or persons as shall buy and accept the same; at and for such price, and in such manner as he, the said Roland Drake shall think fit; and to receive the consideration money for the same; and upon the receipt thereof, acquittances and discharges, for me and in my name, or otherwise, to make, sign and give, hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever my said attorney shall lawfully do, or cause to be done, in or about the premises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine. PAUL F. RICHARDSON. [L. S.]

Form of Letter Authorizing a third party to Convey Houses and Lands.

KNOW ALL MEN, BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Paul F Richardson, of the town of Harrisburg, in the county of Dauphin, and State of Pennsylvania merchant, have made

constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint, and in my place and stead put and depute Roland Drake, of the city of Lancaster, in the State aforesaid, merchant, my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name, place and stead, to grant, bargain and sell all that messuage, &c., [*here describe the premises*] with the appurtenances; and all my estate, right, title and interest therein, unto such person or persons, and for such price or prices, as he shall think proper; and also, for me and in my name, place and stead, and as my proper act and deed, to sign, seal, deliver and acknowledge, all such deed or deeds of conveyance, as shall be necessary for the absolute granting and assuring of the premises, unto the purchaser or purchasers, in fee simple. HEREBY ratifying, allowing, and holding for firm and effectual, all and whatsoever my said attorney shall lawfully do, in and about the premises, by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine. PAUL F. RICHARDSON. [L. S.]

FORMS OF LEASE.

Lease of a House.

MEMORANDUM OF A LEASE, made the tenth day of March, 1879, between Alfred Paine, of the city of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, of the one part, and Reuben Malin, also of the city of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, of the other part. The said Alfred Paine, for and in consideration of the yearly rent and covenants hereinafter mentioned, hath demised and let, and by these presents doth demise and let, unto the said Reuben Malin, his executors, administrators and assigns, for and during the term of one year, to commence from the fifteenth day of March

next, all that certain house and lot of ground, with the appurtenances, situate on the south side of Walnut street, twenty feet west of Seventh, in the city of Philadelphia, adjoining messuages of Burton Moore and Silas Large, (now in the possession of Josiah Chase and Thomas Crane).

And, the said Reuben Malin promises and agrees to pay, to the said Alfred Paine, his executors, administrators and assigns, the yearly rent of five hundred dollars, to be paid in four equal quarterly payments; and also to pay all taxes levied on the premises during the said term.

And for the true performance of the covenants aforesaid, both parties bind themselves firmly by these presents. Witness their hands and seals the day and year above written.

ALFRED PAINE. [L. S.]
REUBEN MALIN. [L. S.]

Sealed and delivered in the presence of } HARMAN LESTER. SAMUEL BAKER.

In the lease of a farm on shares, substitute for the second paragraph the following form:

"The said Reuben Malin yielding and paying thereout, unto the said Alfred Paine, his executors, administrators and assigns, the yearly rent, as follows: — one-half of all the winter grain, one-third of all the summer grain raised and growing on the premises, and the sum of twenty-five dollars in cash for the meadow grass; the said grain to be delivered by the bushel, at the house of the said Alfred Paine, in good order, and in proper season."

FORMS OF RECEIPTS.

For Money received in Payment of Goods sold and delivered.

GERMANTOWN, April 5, 1879.

Received from Peter Sebastian, the sum of Seventy-five Dollars and Fifty-seven Cents, in full for goods sold and delivered to him up to this date.

LAMBERT HAYNES

$75 $\frac{57}{100}$

For a Promissory Note.

PHILADELPHIA, September 12, 1879

Received from John Clymer his Note, dated this day, and payable to myself or order, sixty days after date, for Seven Hundred and Thirty Dollars and Thirteen Cents, for sundry goods bought from me by the said John Clymer, which, when paid, will be in full of all demands to this date

TIMOTHY JONES.

$730 $\frac{13}{100}$

For Rent.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9, 1879

Received from Mahlon Horton, Sr., the sum of One Hundred Dollars, being the amount of one quarter's Rent of the Dwelling-House, No. — Pine St., by me rented to him, due and ending on the 29th day of April last.

ROBERT LODGE

$100

For Rent paid by a third Party.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9, 1879.

Received from Mahlon Horton, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, being the amount of One Quarter's Rent of the Dwelling-House, No. — Pine St., due and ending the 29th day of April last, and by me leased to his father, Mahlon Horton, Sr.

ROBERT LODGE.

$100

For Money, paid by a third Party.

FRANKFORD, June 12, 1879.

Received from Charles Denning, by the hands of Benjamin Selden, the sum of One Thousand and Sixty-five Dollars, in full to this date for sundry articles of Merchandise bought by the said Charles Denning from me.

SILAS NEWBOLD.

$1065

For Money, received for a third Party.

WILMINGTON, February 22, 1879

Received from Stephen Madigan the sum of Four Hundred and Forty Dollars and Fifty Cents in full for work done to this date, by Samuel Black for the said Stephen Madigan

MORRIS LACEY.

$440 $\frac{50}{100}$

FORM OF PROMISSORY NOTE.

Philadelphia, August 7, 1879.

Ninety Days after Date, I promise to pay to Walter Morrison, or Order, the sum of Twelve Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars, without defalcation, for value received.

Morrison North.

$1265

FORM OF A DRAFT.

$1833\frac{67}{100}$ Philadelphia, June 4, 1879.

Gentlemen,

At Three Days' Sight, please pay to the Order of Randolph Stephens, Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-three Dollars, and Sixty-Seven Cents, for account of

Yours, &c.,

Taylor & Vance

Messrs. Crammond, Blackie & Chase,
Wheeling, Va.

FORM OF DOMESTIC BILL OF EXCHANGE.

$3463\frac{17}{100}$ Philadelphia, October 10, 1879.

Five Days after Sight, pay to the Order of Loyd Barnes, Three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-three Dollars and Seventeen Cents, for value received, without further advice, which charge to the account of

Yours, &c.,

William Anderson.

Messrs. Potts, Billings & Cray,
Baltimore, Maryland.

FORM OF DUE BILL.

PHILADELPHIA, November 15, 1879.

Upon settlement, this day, with Samuel Tatham, I acknowledge to be due and owing to him by me, the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-seven Dollars and Thirty-four Cents. Witness my hand, PHILIP STAUNTON.

$187 $\frac{34}{100}$

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that on the thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, before me, Carter Braxton, one of the Aldermen, in and for the City of Philadelphia, Seth Bailey and Hannah Keyser, spinster, both of the City of Philadelphia, were legally joined in marriage, each of them being of full age, and declaring themselves free, respectively, from prior engagements, or other lawful impediments. In witness thereof, as well they, the said Seth Bailey and Hannah Bailey (she assuming the name of her said husband), as I, the said Alderman, and other the witnesses present, have hereunto subscribed our names the day and year aforesaid.

SETH BAILEY.
HANNAH BAILEY.

CARTER BRAXTON, Alderman.

JOSEPH SWAN, }
MOSES TABER, } Witnesses.

FORMS OF PETITIONS.

To the Congress of the United States.

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

The Petition of the subscribers, citizens of the borough of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, respectfully showeth: [*State the subject-matter of the petition and conclude thus*]:

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

To the Legislature of a State.

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met:

The Petition of the subscribers, citizens of the borough of Reading, in the County of Berks, respectfully showeth [*state the subject*]:

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

To the Governor of a State.

To his Excellency, ————, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

The Petition of the subscribers, residents of the City of Philadelphia, respectfully showeth: [*state the subject-matter*]:

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

FORMS FOR DRAFTING WILLS.

Usual Form.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN: I, Ralph Morse, of the county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, farmer, being weak in body [or in perfect health of body, as the case may be], and of sound mind, memory, and understanding; but, considering the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, to wit:

First: It is my will, and I do order, that all my just debts and funeral expenses be duly paid and satisfied, as soon as conveniently can be, after my decease.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my dear wife, Rachel Morse, one bed, one cow, etc., together with such of my household furniture and kitchen utensils as she may choose to keep for her own use.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my said wife, the use and occupation of my plantation, etc., until my son Edward Morse shall attain the age of 21 years (she maintaining and educating my minor children thereout), and from and after his arrival at such age, then I give and devise the said plantation, etc., unto my son Edward Morse, his heirs and assigns forever; he or they paying thereout, unto my other children hereinafter named, the several sums of money to them respectively bequeathed; and also paying unto my said wife, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (which sum I hereby bequeath to her) yearly, and every year, during her natural life, for her maintenance and support; all which legacies to my said wife, I do hereby declare to be in lieu and stead of her dower, at Common Law. And, in case of the death of my said son Edward Morse before his arrival to the age aforesaid, then I do order and direct, that my executors, hereinafter named, or the survivor of them, shall, as soon as conveniently may be, after his decease, sell and dispose of my said plantation, etc., to such person or persons, and for such price or prices, as may be reasonably gotten for the same; and for that purpose, I do hereby authorize and empower my said executors, or the survivor of them, to sign, seal, execute, and acknowledge all such deed or deeds of conveyance, as may be requisite and necessary for the granting and assuring the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, in fee simple: And the moneys arising from such sale, to put and place out to interest, on good security, for the payment of the said annuity, hereby bequeathed to my said wife; the residue of the interest to be applied to the maintenance and education of such child or children, as shall then be under age

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Charles Morse the sum of one hundred dollars, to be paid to him six months after my decease.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Morse the sum of one hundred dollars, to be paid to her on her arrival at the age of 21 years, or the day of her marriage, whichever shall first happen.

AND, as touching all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, real and personal, of what kind or nature, whatsoever the same may be, in the county of Philadelphia, aforesaid, or elsewhere, I give and devise the same unto my said wife, Rachel Morse, during her natural life, and from and immediately after her decease, I give and devise the same unto my three children, Edward, Charles, and Sarah Morse, and to their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally divided among them.

AND LASTLY, I nominate, constitute, and appoint my said wife, and my son Edward Morse, to be the executors of this my Will, hereby revoking all other Wills, legacies, and bequests, by me heretofore made, and declaring this, and no other, to be my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the tenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

RALPH MORSE. [L. S.]

Signed, sealed, and declared, by the said Testator, as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us.

LOYD ADAMS.
SAUL JONES.

Another Form.

I, Alfred Watson, of the borough of Easton, in the county of Lehigh, and State of Pennsylvania, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:

First: It is my will that my funeral shall be conducted without pomp, unnecessary parade, or ostentation, and that the expenses thereof, together with all my just debts, be fully paid.

Second: I give, devise, and bequeath to my beloved wife, Clarissa Watson, in lieu of her dower, if she should so elect, the plantation on which we now reside, situated in the township aforesaid, and containing two hundred and ten acres, or

thereabouts, during her natural life: And all the live-stock, horses, cattle, sheep, swine, etc., by me now owned and kept thereon: Also, all the household furniture and other items, not particularly named and otherwise disposed of, in this my Will, during her said life; she, however, first disposing of a sufficiency thereof to pay my just debts as aforesaid. And, that at the death of my said wife, all the property hereby devised or bequeathed to her, as aforesaid, or so much thereof as may then remain unexpended, I give unto my two sons, John and Thomas Watson, and to my daughter, Ellen Watson, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

Third: I give and devise to my eldest son, John Watson, the farm on which he now resides, situated, etc., and containing one hundred and fifty acres, or thereabouts, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth: I give and devise to my second son, Thomas Watson, the farm now in the occupancy of Arthur See, situated, etc., and containing one hundred and sixty acres, to him, the said James Watson, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple.

Fifth: I give and devise to my daughter, Ellen Watson, the house and lot, in the borough of Easton, in the county and State aforesaid, now in the occupancy of Tristram Nixon, known and designated in the plan of said borough, by No. 148, to him, the said Thomas Watson, his heirs and assigns forever.

And last: I hereby constitute and appoint my said wife, Clarissa Watson, and my said son, John Watson, to be the executrix and executor of this my last Will and Testament, revoking and annulling all former Wills by me made, and ratifying and confirming this, and no other, to be my last Will and Testament.

ALFRED WATSON. [L. S.]

Signed, declared, and published by the above-named Alfred Watson, as and for his last Will and Testament, in presence of us, who, at his request, have signed as witnesses to the same,

this fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

SOLOMON FLETCHER
BENJAMIN CLARK.

A Third Form.

I, Marmaduke Long, of the borough of Chester, in the county of Delaware, in the State of Pennsylvania, do make and publish this my first as well as last Will and Testament:

I direct, that my body be decently interred, in the Episcopal burial-ground in Chester, according to the rites and ceremonies of said church, and that my funeral be conducted in a manner corresponding with my estate and situation in life.

And, as to such worldly estate, as it hath pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows:

First: I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid, as soon after my decease as possible, out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executors, from any portion of my estate, real or personal.

Also: I direct that a fair valuation or appraisement be made, according to law, of all my estate, by three competent and impartial neighbors.

Also: I direct that all my stock in trade, be sold at public vendue or outcry, for good current money, but not upon credit; and that all the real estate of which I shall die seised or possessed, shall be sold by my executors, for its reasonable value, for like current money, or on such credit, and the amount thereof be secured, in such a manner as is usual in like cases, to insure the full and punctual payment thereof: And to effect this, my intention, I do hereby vest in my executors, full power and authority, to dispose of my real estate, in fee simple, or for a term of years or otherwise, in as full and large a manner, in every respect, as I could myself do, if living.

Also: I direct that the whole of my household furniture

shall be and remain the absolute property of my beloved wife, if she shall be living at the time of my decease; but, if she shall not survive me, then that the same shall be given, absolutely, to my daughters then unmarried, as shall be living, share and share alike, and to be apportioned by three impartial neighbors, mutually chosen by my said daughters for that purpose.

Also: I do direct that the net proceeds of my personal estate, heretofore ordered by me to be disposed of, be divided equally as soon as it can be done, share and share alike, amongst my said wife, and my several children who shall survive me; and that the proceeds of my real estate, if sold on credit, shall be divided in like manner, as soon as they shall come into the hands of my executors.

The Heirs or Representatives of any of my children, who shall have died between the time of my decease, and the time of such division or distribution, to be entitled to such share or shares as their respective ancestors would have been entitled to receive, if they were living.

And, the share of my real and personal estate, herein bequeathed to my wife, to be in lieu of her dower, at Common Law, if she shall so elect.

And I do hereby make and ordain my esteemed neighbors, Richard Hays and Mahlon Hibbs, executors of this, my last Will and Testament, reposing full confidence in their integrity to perform the trust thus committed to them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Marmaduke Long, the testator, have to this, my Will, written on one sheet of paper, set my hand, this sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

MARMADUKE LONG. [L. S.]

Signed and delivered in the presence of us, who have subscribed in the presence of each other.

ANDREW QUAIN.
DANIEL FOUST.

CODICILS.

I, Ralph Morse, the within-named Testator, do hereby make and publish this Codicil, to be added to my last Will and Testament in manner following, to wit: I give and bequeath, etc. AND WHEREAS, in my said Will, I have given and bequeathed unto my son Charles Morse (who is since deceased) the sum of one hundred dollars, to be paid to him six months after my decease; I do hereby declare that my will is, that the same be paid unto my daughter Sarah Morse, immediately after my decease. AND LASTLY, it is my will and desire, that this, my present Codicil, be annexed to and made a part of my last Will and Testament aforesaid. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twentieth day of December, 1879. RALPH MORSE. [L. S.]

This is a Codicil, to be added to and taken as part of the last Will and Testament of me, Alfred Watson, which bears date the fifteenth day of March, 1878, whereby I do revoke the devise in my said Will contained, to my son John Watson, of all that farm, situated, etc., and containing one hundred and fifty acres, and do give and devise the same to my daughter Ellen Watson, her heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my said son John Watson in lieu of the said farm the sum of four thousand dollars; and do hereby ratify and confirm my said Will in all other respects. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this tenth day of September, 1879.

ALFRED WATSON. [L. S]

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Alfred Watson as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have, at his request, subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

MYRA HAINES.
LYMAN KNOWLES.

EXECUTORS' ACCOUNT

The account of Richard Hayes and Mahlon Hibbs, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Marmaduke Long, late of the Borough of Chester, in the County of Delaware, yeoman, deceased.

1878.		Dolls.	Cts.	1878.		Dolls.	Cts.
	The accountants charge themselves with all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said deceased, agreeably to an Inventory thereof, filed in the Register's office, at Chester, amounting to...	3587	77	Aug. 7	The accountants crave allowance for the following disbursements, made out of the estate aforesaid, to wit: By cash paid Register, for probate of Will, &c.....	3	85
	To an increase on the sale of the goods	315	30	12	By cash paid W. Gilmore, per receipt	67	18
	To interest on bonds and notes, received since the Inventory was exhibited	37	53	16	" " Nathan Weaver.....	113	40
					" " Peter Gross.....	97	75
				20	" " George Hurd, a bond..	280	35
					By goods bequeathed to widow, and charged in Inventory, amounting to...	571	30
				Sep. 7	Paid for stating this account.....	3	00
					Paid Register for examining and passing this account, &c.	6	00
					Paid Clerk of the Orphans' Court...	1	00
					The accountants' care and trouble in settling the estate.....	90	00
				Nov. 9	Balance in favor of the estate.....	2706	77
		3940	60			3940	60

January 10, 1879. Errors excepted.

RICHARD HAYES.
MAHLON HIBBS.

ADMINISTRATORS' ACCOUNT.

The account of Sidney Austin and Jacob Hardy, Administrators of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of Harvey Jones, late of Marple Township, Delaware County, yeoman, deceased.

1879.		Dolls.	Cts.	1879.		Dolls.	Cts.
	The accountants charge themselves with all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said deceased, agreeably to an Inventory thereof, filed in the Register's office, at Chester, amounting to...	5768	39	April 8	The accountants crave allowance for the following disbursements, made out of the estate aforesaid, to wit: By cash paid Register, for letters of administration, &c.....	2	62
	To rent received of Samuel Russell..	180	00	10	By cash paid E. Fisher, per receipt..	139	38
				20	" " Harvey Allen.....	256	19
					Note in Philadelphia Bank.....	400	00
				23	Decrease in sale of goods of deceased	103	86
				24	Sundry book debts charged in the Inventory, not recoverable.....	214	12
				May 3	Paid for stating this account.....	5	00
					Paid Register for examining and passing this account, &c.	6	00
					Paid Clerk of the Orphans' Court...	1	00
					Administrators' charge for settling the estate.....	130	00
				Nov. 1	Balance in favor of the estate.....	4690	23
		5948	39			5948	39

GUARDIAN'S ACCOUNT.

John Ingle, Guardian of Isaac Price, one of the children and heirs of Ezra Price, deceased, in account with said Isaac Price.

DR. CR.

1879.	The Guardian charges himself as follows:	Dolls.	Cts.	1879.	The Guardian asks an allowance for the following sums, paid on account of the said ward.	Dolls.	Cts
	Amount received of James Windley, executor of the said Ezra Price, being the proportion due said Isaac Price as one of the heirs of said Ezra Price....	65	30	Feb. 8	Paid Asa Crooke, clerk's fees.... $2.50		
				15	" Peter Gross, attorney's fee.. 5.00	7	50
	Amount received of David Scott, in full of the said Isaac Price's proportion of one year's rent of the farm of the said Ezra Price.....	120	00	18	" George Smith for six months' boarding..... 65.00		
	Ditto do.	120	00	25	" Russell Root for half year's schooling..... 15.00		
				June 2	" Cyrus Stafford for clothes furnished the said ward 37.50		
				29	" James Newlin for school books 12.50	130	00
				July 1	Balance in hands of Guardian.....	167	80
		305	30			305	30

Guardians, executors and administrators are liable to pay interest on all surplus moneys in their hands, after their accounts are or ought to be settled.

AGREEMENT

To form an Association for the Prosecution of Offenders.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, made, entered into, and concluded, this tenth day of August, 1879, between Peter Blount, Sampson Hicks, and Nelson Kames, of the one part, and the other persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, of the other part:

WHEREAS, robberies and felonies have of late become very daring and frequent within the township of Marple, in the county of Delaware, and State of Pennsylvania, and neighborhood thereof; and it is deemed absolutely necessary to enter into an Association for the Prosecution of Offenders:

NOW WE, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do hereby, each for himself, promise and agree with and to the others of them, that we will use our utmost and best endeavors to apprehend all and every person and persons whomsoever, who shall be guilty of, or commit any robbery, burglary, larceny, felony, or other criminal offence against the persons or property of us, or any of us, by means of which we are affected or injured, and shall and will prosecute to conviction all such offenders; for which purpose we nominate, appoint and empower J. M. Wilson and Robert Caldwell, attorneys at law, or either of them, but under the direction and control of the committee hereinafter mentioned, to take and use all lawful means to prosecute and bring to justice, all and every such offender or offenders.

AND, WE AGREE, that we will give such reward to any person or persons who shall inform and give evidence against such offenders as shall be thought proper, by the committee to be constituted as hereinafter mentioned. And in case it shall be necessary, we will use our endeavors to procure a pardon for any accomplice, who shall be concerned in such offences, and who shall discover and give evidence thereof, so that one or more may be convicted and brought to justice.

AND FOR THE PURPOSE AFORESAID, we do hereby agree, for the present to advance and subscribe the sum of fifty

dollars, to defray expenses that may be incurred in furthering our object, as also further sums if found necessary for our purpose; so that all costs and charges in carrying this agreement into full effect, shall be paid out of the said subscription fund, which shall be lodged in the hands of Charles Newton and Calvin Blythe, trustees for the purposes aforesaid.

AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED, by and between the parties hereto, that any *five* of the same, to be elected annually, out of the whole number, at a meeting to be convened for that purpose, shall be a committee for the time being, who shall have the sole management and direction of the Association, which said committee is hereby authorized and empowered to make such further and other orders and regulations, for effecting the purposes aforesaid, as they, or any three of them, shall deem expedient and necessary.

PROVIDED ALWAYS, That this Association shall extend only to persons and property residing and being within the said township and neighborhood, and five miles thereof, and not elsewhere, anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding. As witness our hands, this tenth day of August, 1879.

Add, also, if necessary: "PROVIDED FURTHER, That if any of us, whose names are hereunto subscribed, shall at any time hereafter leave the said township, and shall not hold, occupy or enjoy any real or personal property within the said township, then we, so departing, shall be discharged from this Agreement, on paying up our respective portions of expenses thus incurred, if any, in carrying into effect the purposes of the said Association."

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